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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held in the Second Church, Seattle, Washington, April 11-15, 1906

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On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, B. F. Smalley, T. H. Marsh, A. Beers.

On Education—W. W. Loomis, A. Beers, A. H. Stilwell.

On Sunday-schools—F. J. Calkins, S. P. Westfield, J. C. Thomas.

On Prohibition—C. S. McKinley, J. C. Thomas, H. D. Kindig.

On Publications—T. H. Marsh, A. H. Stilwell, J. Wood.

On State of the Work—B. F. Smalley, T. H. Marsh, James Eva.

On Complimentary Resolutions—T. H. Marsh, C. S. McKinley.

On Reforms—A. Beers, T. H. Marsh, E. A. Olson.

To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary—A. Beers, C. E. McReynolds, F. J. Calkins.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. N. West, M. D. Myers, S. T. Turner.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. F. Leise, B. H. Alberts.

On Ministerial Relations—B. F. Smalley, C. E. McReynolds, T. H. Marsh.

On Claims and Claimants—E. P. Hart, T. H. Marsh, B. F. Smalley, T. Robinson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. H. Marsh, A. H. Stilwell, James Eva, C. E. McReynolds.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. D. Kindig, A. Beers, T. H. Marsh, H. H. Pease, James Eva.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—A. H. Stilwell. *On Education*—W. W. Loomis.

On State of Work—T. H. Marsh, James Eva. *On Reforms*—A. Beers.

On Prohibition—F. J. Calkins. *On Publications*—B. H. Alberts.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. S. McKinley.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley,	T. H. Marsh,	C. E. McReynolds,	B. H. Alberts,
James Eva,	C. S. McKinley,	A. Beers,	F. J. Calkins,
M. D. Myers,	J. F. Leise,	S. A. Milton,	W. C. Meacham,
A. H. Stilwell,	W. W. Loomis,	W. W. Dexter,	G. W. Escher,
G. W. Wheelon,	S. P. Westfield.		

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

DELEGATES

S. L. Woods,	John Wood,	S. E. Grey,	Ada Mack,
Preston Robinson,	Henry Bridge,	W. Clark,	Emma Densmore,
J. H. Tyler,	Mary E. Funk,	E. E. Olson,	S. T. Turner,
H. H. Pease,	William Hamley,	H. D. Kindig,	Frank L. DeLong,
J. C. Thomas,	E. Boddy.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, T. H. Marsh, B. F. Smalley, H. D. Kindig, P. Robinson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. A. Burns, Roy Nichols, Frank Millican.

4. Who remain on trial? J. O. Dameron, B. F. Wade, J. T. Bivins.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. W. Loomis, A. K. Anderson.

6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Loomis, A. K. Anderson, W. I. Lively.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? G. W. Escher.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. L. Smith, claim $150; William Boddy, claim $40; G. W. Wheelon, claim $50.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? B. H. Alberts, elder, from the Columbia River conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? S. A. Milton.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place left to a committee consisting of T. H. Marsh, James Eva and A. Beers; time as near the first of April, 1907, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh session of the Washington conference was considered by many as one of the best in the history of our work. Brother Hart presided with his usual fairness and ability. His preaching was full of unction and blessing. The business of the conference was transacted with the greatest harmony. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire conference. The reports of the ministers showed a decided increase numerically, as our statistical tables will show.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made an encouraging report. They have made more advancement in their work than at any previous period. Everything indicates that this will be the most successful year in the interest of missions that the Washington conference has seen.

The ministers received their appointments as from the Lord, and go forth in his name full of faith.

APPOINTMENTS

Puget Sound District—T. H. Marsh, District Elder.

Seattle, First church.....C. S. McKinley
Seattle, Second church.....A. Beers
Seattle, Third church.....C. E. McReynolds
Ballard.....B. F. Wade

Edmonds and Cedar Valley.....J. F. Leise
Everett.....F. J. Calkins
Snohomish.....J. T. Bivins; Minnie M. Bivins, supply
Arlington.....G. W. Escher
Mount Vernon and Olympic Marsh.....S. P. Westfield
Bellingham.....J. O. Dameron
Blaine and Woodland.....W. W. Dexter
Pleasant Valley.....To be supplied
Hillman.....B. H. Alberts

A. H. Stilwell, associate principal Seattle Seminary; W. I. Lively, left without appointment to attend Seattle Seminary; O. A. Burns, teacher in Seattle Seminary; William Boddy, E. L. Smith, G. Wheelon, superannuated; August Youngren, missionary to Japan; Jules Ryff, granted certificate of standing with view of joining the South African conference; M. C. Clark, G. C. Edwards, missionaries to India.

Tacoma District—James Eva, District Elder.

Foster.....Roy Nichols
Sunnydale.....S. L. Helm, supply
Tacoma.....A. N. West
Centralia.....W. W. Loomis
Bay Center, South Bend and Oysterville.....A. K. Anderson
Buckley and Lake Tapps.....F. Millican
Puyallup.....To be supplied

S. P. Hale, withdrawn under censure.

Yakima District—James Eva, District Elder.

Sunnyside and Outlook.....B. F. Smalley
Roslyn.....To be supplied
Cle Elum and Teanaway.....M. D. Myers
Golden Dale.....To be supplied
Bethany.....W. C. Meacham

S. P. Milton, granted certificate of standing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS.

Another conference year has closed and we are here assembled answering again to the roll call of duty. The past year has been one of blessing and encouraging fruitage as the report on the state of the work will doubtless show. It is the duty of the committee on reforms not to speak so much along lines that may be commended as to point out places where improvements may be made.

We are fully convinced of our divine call to preach scriptural holiness throughout the land. This is our great and only commission and we would renew our determination to preach it better than we have ever done in the past. It is of the utmost importance that all of the ministry should be sanctified in their relations to God and the world, and that this experience be manifest in all the walks and duties of life. The very atmosphere of a holy life should be love, self-sacrifice, a single eye to the glory of God, and a supreme purpose to promote the will of God on earth. All our powers as ministers should be solemnly dedicated to this one great end. We greatly regret that some of our efficient and good brethren in the ministry have temporarily abandoned the work of preaching the gospel, and are giving themselves up to secular pursuits. We are commanded to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and then we have the assurance that all temporal good shall be added. We do not believe that any minister who followed Christ closely ever came to want. David said he had never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. We would earnestly urge our brethren in the ministry to abstain from dealing in real estate, stocks or any scheme to merely get money, and stick to the glorious work of spreading scriptural holiness throughout these lands.

Possibly the membership of the church should come in for its part of the share of responsibility on this point. There are many ministers whose meager support is not sufficient to properly provide for and educate their families. This makes a great temptation to them to step aside and engage in secular pursuits. We believe the spirit of the gospel to be that all should share alike relatively in the bounties of earth. Why should a minister be compelled to labor for three or four or six hundred dollars a year, when a parishioner

on his charge makes his thousands? Is it just that the preacher is compelled to face the future problem of no home, and nothing on which to subsist when he leaves the ministry, when the membership are providing for themselves a competency in this world's goods? We believe a minister should stick to his pulpit and that the laity should make the same sacrifice for him and the work that he himself is willing to make. A close study of the Jewish economy shows that people, Levites and priests shared alike in the bounties of life. The laity are stewards of the bounty of God, as well as of the grace given to them, and should exercise their stewardship in such a manner as to promote the best interest of the work of Christ.

NECESSITY OF UNITY AMONG OURSELVES.—We are thankful for the spirit of unity manifest within the bounds of the Washington conference. This spirit will grow if properly cultivated. We believe it would be the sacred duty and exalted privilege of every preacher and layman to do all within his power to intensify this Christian element. Our Discipline gives most wholesome advice which, if studied, will furnish much help on this point. We are taught there to speak evil of no one; that if we have anything against a person that we are to tell it to him frankly and lovingly. This spirit of unchristian criticism is to be regarded as a fire that must be cast out of our bosom by going to the person and telling him plainly and lovingly if there be any grievance. The Bible is also very explicit on this point.

Brethren, let us stand closely together in brotherly love, and work shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. By showing a solid front to the enemy we will be able to defeat him and be more than conquerors in our lives, and will become more efficient in pushing on the work of Christ in our midst. This spirit should be cultivated among societies and conferences as well as between individuals. There is a tendency for one society to look with suspicion upon another society. It is very natural for a society in one place to excel other societies in one or two particular points. The other societies may excel this one at other points. Let each member speak well of the other and each society cherish a spirit of confidence and brotherly love for all other societies.

NECESSITY OF PROPERLY REGARDING ALL INTERESTS OF THE WORK.—We must be very careful to keep well balanced and encourage each department of the work and not run off entirely in the interest of one phase of our work. In lifting a vessel every part is lifted when one part is lifted. The work of Christ is such in its organic capacity that when one part suffers all the other parts must suffer with it, and when one part rejoices all the other parts share in the joy. We must not become localized, but must lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes in the interest of every branch of our work. The missionary cause must be pushed to the front. The field before us is a great one, and the door has been swung widely open. Let us not leave this work for the sisters of the W. F. M. S., but feel that as ministers and members of the church we must have a part and lot in evangelizing the world. Let us make this the banner year in the history of our foreign missionary work. Our publishing interests are of vast importance, and should be encouraged more by our people. Our ministers should be thoroughly familiar with all our publications, and should as far as possible see that they are all gotten into the Free Methodist homes, churches, or Sunday-school. We are to be congratulated as a denomination on our wholesome literature, and must do more in the interest of the success of our publishing house. We believe the work of Christian education is of vital importance to the extension of our work, and that our schools should have the unanimous support of all our people. Many of these institutions are compelled to struggle for a mere existence when there are sufficient funds in the church to make them successful in every department of work. The burden of making these institutions what they should be should rest on the entire church. Brethren, instead of telling what these schools should be in their work and influence, let each one of us do all we can to bring them up to our ideals.

GUARDING AGAINST WORLDLINESS.—This is an age of cold commercialism. The insidious spirit of the world is crowding itself everywhere. The desire to appear and act like the world is always apparent. A spirit of covetousness or a desire to make a show is everywhere. Our proper attitude to the world is described by the Apostle Paul when he emphasizes the truth that we are to be dead to the world. We are citizens of another country, even a heavenly. Let us live as pilgrims and strangers here, who are looking for a city to come. We should be neat and tidy in our homes and in our apparel, but all extravagance in attire should be scrupulously avoided. "Will you forever lay aside all superfluous ornament, and adorn yourself in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety," is answered in the affirmative by all who join our church. Let us adhere strictly to our Discipline and to the teachings of the word of God, and insist upon all our people being plain.

GREATER CARE IN ADMITTING MEMBERS.—We believe that in many places we have not been sufficiently guarded in receiving members into our church. It is not sufficient that a person has become disaffected with another denomination, and wishes to leave that church. We should know that those who come among us understand our Discipline, spirit, doc-

trines and government. It is better for us to have but few of the right stamp than many who are not of this character. Better have the few who are in full accord and heart sympathy with us than a number who are simply seeking a religious shelter. We believe, however, that being more careful in receiving members into the church will result in an increase in membership.

IMPROVEMENT IN OUR WORSHIP.—We believe that our work could be greatly benefited by making changes or in improving conditions in connection with our religious services. The singing could be much improved in all our societies. The gift of song under the power and fervor of the Spirit is one of the most potent factors in the propagation of the work of Christ. The best leader should be selected to lead the singing, and a certain amount of time devoted to the improvement of our song service. The singing should be in the Spirit, should never drag, and should be regarded as one of the most important parts of the worship. Such songs should be chosen as will conduce to the upbuilding and strengthening of our work. The multiplicity of new songs in many places is crowding out many of our older and more substantial hymns. We are glad to welcome any new production that comes up to our standing, but are unwilling to sacrifice our old war hymns, such as, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me," "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," for such hymns as, "I went in a crying, and I came out a flying," and those of kindred selections.

CARING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.—We believe that the church could do better in the way of nursing and caring for her younger members. Our future hope depends upon the young soldiers who are to take up the armor that is being laid aside by the old veterans of the cross. The new generation will bear the stamp of the old one. If we expect our young men and young women to be intensely spiritual and thoroughly devoted to the cause we must set the example. We must not only do this but in every way encourage those who desire to become Christians. Many young people become discouraged religiously for want of words of commendation and sympathy. We have great confidence in our young people and believe that they will carry the banner a little higher than we have done if they receive the proper encouragement at the critical time in their lives.

Brothers and sisters, let us remember that the young people are but babes in Christ, while we are to be fathers and mothers in Israel. Let us see to it that all our young people receive encouragement and that they be urged to take upon themselves the responsibilities of Christian obligations as they are able to discharge them.

KEEPING UP THE CHURCH PROPERTY.—In many places our church property is sadly neglected. Business men will judge our religion from a business point of view. If they find the church and parsonage unpainted, the fence falling into decay around the parsonage, the yard and the lawn poorly kept, they will naturally conclude that inasmuch as we are careless in the material welfare of our church, that we are also indifferent to the spiritual needs. Nothing will win the respect of a thinking community more than to keep everything decently and in order about our church property.

Let us be diligent in seeing that all the temporary interests are managed in such a way as to redound to the honor of our Christ and to the glory of his name.

In conclusion we would speak a few words of the great necessity of that breaking down of the heart before God and each other which will keep us plastic, tender and receptive. Phillips Brooks speaks about the breaking of the crust; we become hardened, fossilized and thickly crusted in a formal condition unless we have daily manifestations of the divine Spirit in our hearts. Brethren of the ministry and the laity as well, let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, let us live lives of self-abandonment at the foot of the cross; let us face this coming year with that whole-hearted and purposeful abandonment of ourselves to all the divine will. Let us feel that our highest place is found in serving others rather than to be served ourselves.

If we do this, and I believe we will, when another year has rolled around and the roll is called for another conference, we will look back to the past most spiritually glorious and most successful year in the history of the Washington conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

PUGET SOUND, TACOMA AND ELLENSBURG DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
Seattle, First church	C. S. McKinley	50	5	55	1	..	1	6	60	6	$ 17 02	$ 8 20	$ 16 10	$ 6 90	$ 4 60	.....	.....	$138 46
Seattle, Second church	A. Beers	141	12	153	1	3	1	21	175	21	22 94	20 96	42 70	18 30	12 20	.....	$ 22 00	.....
Seattle, Third church	C. E. McReynolds	57	18	75	4	..	1	11	80	13	18 50	9 00	17 50	7 50	5 00	.....	6 00	133 65
Everett	F. J. Calkins	76	4	80	4	2	1	13	78	20	26 64	12 96	25 20	10 80	7 20	...	4 46	101 25
Mt. Vernon, Marsh and Sedro Woolley	S. P. Westfield	52	25	77	1	..	3	15	135	12	16 55	8 10	15 75	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	.....
Blaine and Woodland	J. T. Bivins	26	4	30	2	..	2	13	60	11	12 95	6 30	11 55	5 35	3 50	.....	33 75	19 70
Bellingham	J. O. Dameron	13	..	13	1	..	1	5	10	4	5 18	54	3 85	1 65	1 10	.....	7 50	.....
Ballard	F. H. Church	25	9	34	..	1	2	8	47	2	4 81	2 34	4 55	1 95	1 80	.....	20 00	.....
Foster	Roy Nichols	6	...	6	..	..	..	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillman and Bothell	E. L. Smith	11	3	14	..	..	1	6	25	6	4 81	2 34	4 55	1 95	1 30	.....	3 00	2 45
Snohomish	S. L. Helm	33	1	34	1	..	1	8	78	6	7 03	3 42	.....	2 85	1 90	.....	16 00	61 45
Cle Elum and Roslyn	M. D. Myers	32	7	39	..	..	2	10	66	8	10 73	5 22	10 15	4 35	2 90	.....	35 96	10 00
Bay Center and South Bend	B. F. Wade	11	..	11	..	1	1	6	14	2	2 96	1 44	2 80	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Oysterville and Ocean Park	A. K. Anderson	19	3	22	..	1	..	....	....	6	7 03	3 42	95	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Buckley and Lake Tapps	George Edwards	22	6	28	..	..	3	8	60	8	6 66	3 34	6 30	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	34 31
Sunnyside and Yakima	W. W. Dexter	55	7	62	1	1	1	8	80	15	16 65	8 10	15 75	6 75	4 50	.....	7 00	66 30
Tacoma First church	A. N. West	60	6	66	1	..	1	6	50	15	20 72	10 08	19 60	8 40	5 60	.....	.....	72 05
Centralia	S. P. Hale	29	6	35	3	1	1	11	53	11	13 95	6 30	... ...	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	85 50
Arlington	G. W. Escher	17	1	18	1	..	1	6	25	6	7 03	3 42	6 65	2 85	1 90	.....	15 35	34 35
Edmonds and Cedar Valley	J. F. Leise	23	12	35	1	..	2	10	53	6	7 40	3 60	7 00	3 00	2 00	.....	7 96	30 88
Pleasant Valley	....	....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		758	129	887	22	10	26	169	1149	179	$ 229 56	$ 119 08	$ 210 95	$ 111 35	$ 68 00		$ 178 98	1541 59

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Seattle, First church	...	....	$ 33 45	$ 4 00	$ 875 00	$ 95 00	$ 35 00	1	$ 12000	1	$ 8000
Seattle, Second church	....	$ 6 00	145 00	3 60	600 00	100 00	75 00	1	8000	1	2000
Seattle, Third church	$ 7 80	1 83	125 62	50	751 69	105 54	170 00	1	2000	1	1000
Everett	....	5 00	80 03	.....	835 00	111 59	45 35	1	3000	1	1500
Mt. Vernon, Marsh, Sedro Woolley	.....	1 50	60 00	.....	620 00	83 00	30 00	3	2250	1	400
Blaine and Woodland	.....	3 30	46 00	.....	377 00	51 15	24 35	1	3000	1	500
Bellingham	....	....	5 70	.....	300 00	28 10	7 00	1	1300	1	700
Ballard	....	....	24 61	.....	167 25	39 08	83 30	..	.....	..	.....
Foster	.....	.....	.....	....	125 00	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Hillman and Bothell	.....	2 00	25 00	....	183 07	24 00	3 00	1	1400	..	.....
Snohomish	...	.....	37 60	.....	367 71	45 31	28 50	1	800	1	400
Cle Elum and Roslyn	.....	.....	65 50	.....	856 75	72 00	25 61	3	2600	3	1500
Bay Center and South Bend	.....	.....	10 00	....	143 85	25 55	.....	1	250	1	150
Oysterville and Ocean Park	....	.....	8 33	.....	336 00	48 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Buckley and Lake Tapps	.....	..	32 89	.....	259 44	41 55	.....	1	850	1	500
Sunnyside and Yakima	1 00	4 00	63 00	.....	561 00	101 50	26 45	1	2000	..	.....
Tacoma, First church	....	....	39 00	....	500 00	73 75	35 35	1	3500	1	300
Centralia	....	....	49 36	.....	385 65	61 28	23 33	1	1500	1	600
Arlington	.....	3 00	23 54	.....	332 80	33 98	49 15	1	1000	1	500
Edmonds and Cedar Valley	.....	.....	34 85	.....	360 00	33 00	65 35	1	600	1	600
Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 8 80	$26 63	$ 909 48	$ 7 50	$8937 21	$1173 39	$ 726 74	21	$ 47050	17	$18650

OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Salem, Oregon, May 30-June 3, 1906

OFFICERS

ALEXANDER BEERS, *President.*

H. V. HASLAM, *Secretary.* W. J. JOHNSTON, *Assistant Secretary.*

H. V. HASLAM, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Alexander Beers, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, H. V. Haslam.

On Education—W. N. Coffee, H. M. Bowman, H. J. Blair.

On Reforms—H. M. Bowman, H. V. Haslam, O. N. Blair.

On Publications—W. E. Goode, J. H. Brown, C. G. Briscoe.

On Sunday-schools—E. I. Harrington, G. W. Bondurant, E. L. Swain.

On State of the Work—W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, J. Glen.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—D. W. Cook, G. W. Bondurant W. W. Gatts.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. G. Briscoe.

On Ministerial Relations—J. Glen, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, W. Barrett, Francis Smith.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Glen, president; W. N. Coffee, secretary; D. W. Cook, J. H. Brown, E. I. Harrington.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. N. Coffee, president, three years; W. E. Goode, two years; H. V. Haslam, secretary, T. H. Symms, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Conference Delegates' Expenses (16 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents' (— cents), Church Extension (— cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents), Permanent Claimants' Fund (5 cents).

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. N. Coffee. *On Publications*—D. J. Goode.

On Reforms—H. V. Haslam. *On Sunday-schools*—W. E. Goode.

On the State of the Work—W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Glen,	T. H. Symms,	W. E. Goode,	D. J. Goode,
W. Barrett,	H. V. Haslam,	J. H. Brown,	H. J. Blair,
E. I. Harrington,	G. W. Bondurant,	H. M. Bowman,	W. J. Johnston,
W. N. Coffee,	W. J. Bowerman,	O. N. Blair,	D. W. Cook,
J. D. Cook,	S. G. Roper,	N. Welter,	B. L. Knoll,
W. W. Gatts.			

DELEGATES

John Turnidge,	A. L. Swain,	J. L. Guttry.	Mrs. M. J. Powell,
Mrs. E. S. Matteson,	Mrs. M. E. Crawford,	Mrs. E. Daniels,	R. A. Trullinger,
J. B. Rubens,	Mrs. W. E. Goode,	Mary Dixon,	Lucy Sigler,
J. B. Cook,	B. L. Knoll,	H. F. Smith,	Francis Smith,
Neva Dubois,	J. H. Bogue,	C. G. Briscoe.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Alexander Beers, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, C. G. Briscoe, A. L. Swain.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. E. Kreider, J. B. Cook, Francis Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Helm, L. R. Blackman, J. F. Lewis, S. F. Pitts.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. W. Gatts; S. Roper, on his certificate of location from the Colorado conference; B. L. Knoll, on his certificate of location as an elder, from the California conference.

6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Bondurant, W. J. Johnston, O. N. Blair, L. R. Blackman, W. W. Gatts, S. G. Roper.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. M. Bowman.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. H. Symms.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. Barrett, J. D. Cook.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? N. Welter, an elder from the North Minnesota conference; J. D. Cook, an elder from the Columbia River conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. None.

22. What amount is necessary for General Conference Delegates' Expenses? Sixteen cents per member.

23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ashland, Oregon, about the tenth of May, 1907.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting and was a very spiritual, harmonious and encouraging session.

In the absence of Superintendent W. A. Sellew, Alexander Beers of the Washington conference presided, and filled the chair ably. His presence and ministrations together with those of his devoted wife were a blessing and inspiration to the conference.

An offering of $175 was taken Sunday morning to pay the debt on the Salem parsonage and provide a well and pump.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a public meeting Sunday afternoon and raised $315 by subscription to support a missionary on the foreign field; also $51.40 in cash for the general fund. They reported having raised during the year, including the missionary box, $686.88, making the total amount raised and subscribed, $1053.28. They report a membership of 226 in the conference.

J. F. Leise of the Washington conference, John Bradley of the Columbia River confer-

ence, and G. W. Hood and wife of the Central Illinois conference were present as visitors at the conference.

Clyde R. Ebey was present as the representative of the publishing house, and did, he said, the largest business he has ever done at an annual conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Portland District—*W. N. Coffee, District Elder.

Portland	J. Glen, 333 East Mill street, Portland,	Oregon
Central and Gresham	S. F. Pitts, Central Portland,	"
Estacada	A. Lingren, supply, Central Portland,	"
Sunnyside, Damascus and Pleasant Valley	G. W. Bondurant, Clackamas,	"
Forest Grove and Dilley	H. M. Bowman, Forest Grove,	"
Bethany and Brooks' schoolhouse	O. N. Blair, Holbrook,	"
Houlton and St. Helens	H. E. Kreider, St. Helens,	"

F. D. Helm, left without appointment to attend school, Fremont Station, Seattle, Washington; W. Barrett, superannuated, Arleta, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, conference evangelist, Gresham, Oregon; B. L. Knoll, conference evangelist, Clackamas, Oregon; S. G. Roper, left without appointment to work in mission, 411½ Hawthorne avenue, Portland, Oregon; T. H. Symms, left without appointment at his own request, Forest Grove, Oregon.

*Member Portland district quarterly conference.

Salem District—W. N. Coffee, District Elder.

Salem, Aumsville and Albany	H. V. Haslam, J. B. Cook, R. F. D. 7, Salem,	Oregon
Woodburn, Hubbard and Mulino	D. W. Cook, Woodburn,	"
Falls City, Dallas and Harmony	W. J. Johnston, Falls City, / H. A. Walters, supply, Dallas,	" / "
Dayton and Newberg	N. Welter, Newberg,	"
Lacomb	J. F. Lewis, Lacomb,	"
Beaver	J. W. Halsey, supply, Beaver,	"

J. D. Cook, superannuated, Newberg, Oregon.

Eugene District—W. E. Goode, District Elder, Medford, Oregon.

Eugene, Springfield and Monroe	D. J. Goode, Springfield, Oregon
Parsons Creek, Marcola, Wendling	H. J. Blair, Mrs. M. J. Blair, supply, Marcola, "
Roseburg	To be supplied
Myrtle Creek and Canyonville	To be supplied
Cottage Grove, Comstock and Gardner	C. G. Rambo, supply

Grants Pass District—*W. E. Goode, District Elder.

Grants Pass, Woodville and Gold Hill	E. I. Harrington, Grants Pass, Oregon
Murphy and Missouri Flats	W. W. Gatts, Murphy, "
Golden, Glendale and Wolf Creek	M. C. Davis, supply, Wolf Creek, "
Ashland and Cold Station	J. H. Brown; Mrs. Martha N. Brown, supply, Ashland, "
Medford and Jacksonville	Francis Smith, Medford, "
Talent and Phœnix	Mrs. A. Dayhauf, Ashland, "
Klamath Falls	J. H. Bogue, supply, Ashland, "

L. R. Blackman, supernumerary, Ashland, Oregon; R. H. Dollarhide, left without appointment.

*Member Grants Pass district quarterly conference.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Cora McGhee, Comestock, Oregon	Mary H. Hickman, Murphy, Oregon
Mrs. C. R. Johnston, Falls City, "	Mary F. Coffee
Florence Wells, foot of East Salmon street, Portland, Oregon.	Mrs. A. Dayhauf, Ashland, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Malinda J. Blair.....Marcola, Oregon
Martha N. Brown.....Ashland, "
Urvilla C. Reese.....Roseburg, Oregon
Mary Hillas.....Portland, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

D. M. Cathey.....Gresham, Oregon
A. Notestine.....Roseburg, "
J. M. Reese..... " "
J. H. Bogue.....Ashland, "
F. B. Creecy..... " "
S. S. Enney.....Medford, "
T. O. Allison.....Dayton, "
C. H. Purcell.....Woodburn, "
Frank Sigsbee....Central Portland, Oregon
Sidney Scott..... " " "
G. T. Coates.....Peel, "
F. Albright.....Ashland, "
A. W. Countryman.....Medford, "
F. M. Sumner.....Clackamas, "
William Platt.....Thurston, "
J. W. Eldredge.....Sherwood, "
E. E. Cawood.....

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $168.72.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $82.08.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $68.40.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $45.60.
Permanent Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $22.80.
Conference Missions Fund.—Apportioned, $91.20.
Raised, $83.55; deficit, $7.65.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Amount collected, $12.48.
Educational Fund.—By cash, $.50.
Children's Fund.—By cash, $.30.
For Publishing the Minutes.—$20.30.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

For the condition of the work on the districts, we have great occasion for gratitude. A general spirit of aggressiveness prevails among the pastors, and as a consequence our reports this year show a substantial increase in membership, and an encouraging improvement of church property. Upon the Portland and Salem districts, three new churches have been built, another finished, ten church buildings painted, several papered, and the indebtedness raised on the Portland and Salem parsonages, while but little indebtedness remains on any of the circuits.

The Oregon pilgrims are adhering to the issues of the church with gratifying fidelity. We are trying to place a consistent spirit upon at least an equal plane with plain dress. "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit." and plain dress and every other outward appearance of piety should be an outgrowth of a right spiritual condition. Woe be to us, or any other people, when our lives lead men to think that we hold spirituality to be an outgrowth of plain dress.

Our camp-meetings have been seasons of great power and spiritual uplifting, also tent meetings and special revival services have been a channel for the development of our people.

A spirit of unity is characteristic of the Oregon work. "Cross firing" is very seldom indulged in, private effort in kindness being considered a better way.

Our pastors are fast becoming teachers with an objective point in their preaching, and are not in harmony with the idea that logic and information are averse to spirituality.

We would urge our people to bear in mind the fact that our district quarterly meetings, camp-meetings, conference sessions and special revival meetings are a means of unification of spirit and doctrine, and should be largely attended. A most noble sacrifice of money has been made during the past year, but this must not take the place of a sacrifice of time.

The work on the Eugene and Grants Pass districts shows a very material gain in the construction of churches and parsonages. A heavy debt has been raised on the church and parsonage at Grants Pass and about $200 worth of improvement has been made on the property. A church has been built at Ashland, and a church and parsonage at Medford. Money is also being raised with which to purchase a district tabernacle.

III.—ON REFORMS.

Reform means to form again and this presupposes the existing formation to be faulty and in need of being formed again, the reformation to take place on the points at fault.

Dress.—Pride is the effect of Satanic flattery. It manifests itself in the worldling when he decks himself in heathenish and senseless fashion, and too frequently manifests itself in the professed Christian in the same way, while Satan laughs as he sees the professed child of God acting under the inspiration of his whisperings. But pride can be manifested also under the guise of humility. When not only superfluous dress is laid aside but those things also which make for neatness and good taste, this may be the effect of pride in the heart equally as much as superfluous dress. A tendency toward conspicuousness whether manifested in too much dress or not enough is born of pride. There is a "golden mean" which is becoming to the child of God; either extreme is to be avoided; we should in this respect as well as others shun every appearance of evil. If the wearing of gold is evil, then the wearing of imitation gold is the appearance of evil. If slouchiness is evil, then to be uncouth in appearance is the appearance of evil and to be shunned.

Training of Children.—The scripture which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it," though seemingly behind the times, nevertheless if fulfilled will bring the same results in this age as in Solomon's. Government administered in the fear of God accompanied by unflinching perseverance, untiring patience and fervent prayer, will be a means of saving our children to God and the church. If we foster pride in our children can we expect them to develop into examples of godliness? If we indulge them in wilfulness, can we expect them to become humble followers of Christ? If we do not bring them up to attend, believe in and love the Free Methodist church, can we expect to make of them Free Methodist pilgrims? Lord, give us wisdom to know, and grace to perform our duty to our children.

Liquor Traffic.—On all questions where morals are involved, the church of God should stand in the front rank on the side of righteousness. She should not wait to be drafted into the service, but should volunteer in the cause of right, and acquit herself valiantly in its behalf. We deem the liquor question the momentous issue of the day. We see this home-destroying, life-robbing, soul-damning power, move forward in one solid phalanx, ignoring every law of God and man, trampling under foot every human right, sweeping multitudes of the human race into earth's moral cess-pool, death's untold horrors and hell's eternal flame. Shall God's standing army on earth view this outrage indifferently? Heaven forbid! But raising the blood-baptized cross, and taking for our motto, "By this conquer," we will in prayer and preaching, by voice and by vote, oppose this infernal host, until the black banner shall be hauled down and this national iniquity purged. We feel honored by belonging to a denomination which as a unit stands against this gigantic evil. We will as a body support the local option law of this state and give our aid to defeat the proposed amendment.

Woman Suffrage.—We believe the shortest route to political righteousness in our loved land is to put the ballot into the hands of our sisters, wives and mothers. We would arm them in defense of the home for which they have sacrificed so much. Shall we call it unwomanly for that gray-haired mother to raise her voice in defense of her child? Oh, no! Then let us put within her hands a trumpet through which she can speak in its defense and the nation shall hear.

Secret Societies.—It becomes more and more evident that secrecy is the enemy of Christian liberty. Let others tolerate, yea, encourage, their shackles if they will, our prayer shall be, "Give us liberty or give us death."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE AND GRANTS PASS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORTLAND DISTRICT	W. N. Coffee, District Elder																	$117 20
Portland, etc.	J. Glen	89	12	101	2	2	1	8	35	10	$ 26 27	$ 12 78	$ 14 20	$ 10 65	$ 7 10			100 00
Central and Gresham	S. F. Pitts	60	15	75	5	..	2	12	70	20	19 61	9 54	10 60	7 95	5 30			59 53
Sunnyside and Damascus, etc	J. F. Lewis	24	3	27	1	..	2	10	35	15	9 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	$ 3 52		18 42
Forest Grove and Dairy Creek	Supplied	25	..	25	..	1	1	4	28	12	9 62	4 68	95	3 90	2 60			15 55
Bethany and Brooks schoolhouse	O. N. Blair	15	...	15	..	..	1	7	28	6	7 03	3 42	3 80	2 85	1 90	3 04		38 69
Houlton and St. Helens	H. E. Kreider, supply	16	8	24	..	..	1	7	20	5	2 96	1 44	1 60	1 20	80			18 87
SALEM DISTRICT	W. N. Coffee, District Elder																	22 50
Salem and Aumsville	H. V. Haslam	51	14	65	..	..	1	7	50	9	12 58	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40			18 53
Woodburn, Mulino and Hubbard	D. W. Cook	28	2	30	1	..	1	4	12	9	9 99	4 86	5 40	4 05	2 70	4 32		3 60
Falls City and Harmony	G. W. Bondurant	21	5	26	..	..	1	5	25	7	6 66	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80			11 86
Dayton and Newberg	H. M. Bowman	26	...	26	3	..	1	8	18	9	9 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50			6 95
Lacomb and Albany	W. J. Johnston	37	7	44	2	1	1	8	28	8	11 10	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00			23 26
EUGENE DISTRICT	W. E. Goode, District Elder																	18 30
Eugene and Springfield	R. H. Dollarhide	37	1	38	2	..	1	10	40	10	9 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50			
Parsons Creek, Marcola, etc.	H. J. Blair, M. J. Blair, supply	9	...	9	1	1	1	3	15	4	2 22	1 08	1 20	90	60			
Roseburg and Myrtle Creek	W. W. Gatts	15	...	15	3	1	1	5	14	3	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80			
Cottage Grove and Comstock	Francis Smith, supply	3	...	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	18	20	15	10			
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT	W. E. Goode, District Elder																	24 05
Grants Pass	E. I. Harrington	19	11	30	1	..	1	4	20	1	5 92	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	80		
Murphy and Wilderville	Mary H. Reed, supply	6	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	1 48	72	80	60	40	80		
Golden, Glendale and Wolf Creek	M. C. Davis, supply	3	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1 11	54	60	45	30			
Medford	Martha N. Brown, supply	15	3	18	3	1	1	6	20	4	4 07	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10			
Ashland	J. H. Brown	12	..	12	2	1	..	..	..	2	3 33	1 62	1 80	1 35	90			
Raised at conference		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 29	3 06	..	2 55	1 70	..		141 40
Total		511	83	594	27	9	18	108	458	134	$ 168 72	$ 82 08	$ 83 55	$ 68 40	$ 45 60	$ 12 48	..	$638 77

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT											
Portland, etc	$ 50	$ 30	$ 31 27	$ 3 55	$ 657 00	$ 165 00	$ 50 00	1	2500	1	$ 1000
Central and Gresham	.....	.....	90 55	2 65	727 50	161 52	73 50	2	2500	1	1200
Sunnyside and Damascus, etc	.....	....	17 00	1 25	300 00	60 25	26 71	2	1700	1	650
Forest Grove and Dairy Creek	.....	....	21 36	1 30	171 23	58 91	.....	1	1500	1	500
Bethany and Brooks schoolhouse	.....	....	22 34	95	211 61	45 20	11 30	1	500	..	.....
Houlton and St. Helens	.....	....	7 57	40	185 35	45 70	23 23	1	1200	..	.....
SALEM DISTRICT											
Salem and Aumsville	.....	.....	20 00	1 70	425 00	78 00	200 00	1	800	1	800
Woodburn, Mulino and Hubbard	.....	.....	6 00	1 35	49 82	71 50	26 00	2	1250	..	.....
Falls City and Harmony	.....	....	14 98	90	298 20	47 60	75 34	1	600	1	800
Dayton and Newberg	...	....	6 32	1 25	215 00	34 00	.....	2	1400	1	600
Lacomb and Albany	.....	.....	20 00	1 50	354 82	59 12	22 30	2	800	1	300
EUGENE DISTRICT											
Eugene and Springfield	.....	.....	20 17	1 25	455 68	76 25	14 25	1	600	1	400
Parsons Creek, Marcola, etc	.....	.....	12 00	30	150 00	30 60	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Roseburg and Myrtle Creek	.....	.....	7 00	1 40	100 25	26 20	.....	1	800	..	.....
Cottage Grove and Comstock	.....	.....	.....	5	74 00	25 15	.....	..	.....	..	.....
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT											
Grants Pass	.....	.....	10 00	80	175 00	47 50	.....	1	900	1	600
Murphy and Wilderville	....	.....	.....	20	65 36	25 15	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Golden, Glendale and Wolf Creek	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	12 28	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Medford	.....	.....	6 00	55	4 50	43 85	.....	1	800	1	400
Ashland	....	.....	.....	45	236 50	.....	34 62	1	1500	..	.....
Raised at conference	....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 50	$ 30	$ 312 56	$ 22 80	$ 4856 82	$ 1113 78	$ 557 25	21	$ 19350	11	$ 7200

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Sacramento, California, June 6-9, 1906

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

H. E. BURBANK, *Secretary.* W. C. SIMPSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

M. L. WINEGARDEN, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, G. G. Kessel, J. E. Cochran.

On Reforms—A. K. Main, D. S. Reed, C. H. Loomis, H. L. Kibby, G. H. Hollidge.

On Publications—J. E. Cochran, C. V. Carpenter, C. Fish, A. Verkuyl.

On State of the Work—G. G. Kessell, E. P. Hart, M. L. Winegarden, H. E. Burbank.

On Education—W. C. Graves, Charles Fish, H. L. Kibby.

On Sunday-schools—M. L. Winegarden, E. E. Ely, Maggie Reeves.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—N. Alice Philbert, Mary Donaldson.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. B. Phetteplace, C. V. Carpenter, Charles Fish.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—G. G. Kessel, C. V. Carpenter, H. L. Kibby, H. E. Burbank.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. G. Kessel, president, two years; C. V. Carpenter, one year; Charles H. Loomis, secretary, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. G. Kessel, president; C. V. Carpenter, secretary; A. Verkuyl, treasurer; M. L. Winegarden, H. L. Kibby.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

G. G. Kessel, president; C. V. Carpenter, secretary; H. L. Kibby, treasurer; Charles Fish, A. Verkuyl.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

C. V. Carpenter.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Missions and General Superintendents'; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference and Permanent Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. H. Loomis. *On Sunday-schools*—W. C. Simpson.

On Publications—A. K. Main. *On Education*—Charles Fish.

On State of the Work—J. E. Cochran.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,	W. C. Simpson,	G. G. Kessel,	M. L. Winegarden,
C. H. Loomis,	J. E. Cochran,	N. S. Honn,	A. K. Main,
Charles Fish,	D. S. Reed,	C. V. Carpenter,	E. E. Ely,
S. H. Williams,	G. B. Phetteplace,	J. B. Coffrin,	H. W. Dobbins,
W. C. Graves.			

DELEGATES

A. Verkuyl,	Phila Ingraham,	H. L. Kibby,	Mary Donaldson,
Maggie Reeves,	Mary J. Plymesser,	N. Alice Philbert,	G. H. Hollidge,
H. E. Burbank.	D. S. Stuart.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, G. G. Kessel, H. E. Burbank.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? None. W. J. Call discontinued at his own request.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. W. Dobbins.

6. Who are the deacons? Charles Fish, George B. Phetteplace, J. B. Coffrin, H. W. Dobbins.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. C. Simpson.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop, S. H. Williams.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. H. Loomis, M. L. Winegarden.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? George B. Phetteplace, a deacon, from the East Michigan conference; J. B. Coffrin, a deacon, from the Wisconsin conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. C. Graves.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $330.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place and time of holding was left with a committee composed of the following named persons providing it is impossible to meet at Stockton: J. E. Cochran, C. V. Carpenter, G. G. Kessel, H. L. Kibby, H. E. Burbank; the time to be as near the fifteenth of May, 1907, as will suit the plan of the general superintendent who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth session of the California conference was held at Sacramento, California, June 6-9, 1906. The physical, social and financial effects of the great earthquake of April last were still upon us as we gathered in this session. Fewer tents were on the ground and only at night, or at the Sunday services, was the audience large enough to fill the tent.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided. His acceptability and preaching greatly increase as the years slip by. Sister Hart's exhortations and prayers were, if possible, more impressive and helpful than ever. May they both be long spared to urge on the work that has absorbed their time and talents for nearly half a century.

All of the services of the camp-meeting and conference were good, some of them of great power and blessing.

W. C. Graves was given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the Southern California conference.

George B. Phetteplace of the East Michigan conference, S. H. Williams of the North Michigan conference, and J. B. Coffrin of the Wisconsin conference, were received by transfer into this conference; and another, Clyde R. Ebey, of the Southern California conference, was appointed as supply to a charge among us, awaiting his transfer at the ensuing session of that conference.

In spite of the general financial disturbance resulting from the great fire and earthquake of April 18, the reports of the various charges were almost complete in every item.

APPOINTMENTS

San Jose District—J. E. Cochran, District Elder, 91 North Eighth Street, San Jose, California.

San Jose	G. G. Kessel, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California
Alameda	Clyde R. Ebey, supply
Corralitos	George B. Phetteplace, Corralitos, "
Santa Cruz	To be supplied
Santa Rosa and Windsor	To be supplied
Gilroy and Aromas	Marvin Stuart, supply
Pacheco	To be supplied

E. P. Hart, general superintendent, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palo Alto, California; S. H. Williams, supernumerary, Alameda, California; M. L. Winegarden, superannuated, Corralitos, California; C. H. Loomis, superannuated, Santa Clara, California; N. S. Honn, missionary to China; W. C. Graves, given a certificate of standing with view to transfer. J. E. Cochran, member of San Jose district quarterly conference.

Sacramento District—J. E. Cochran, District Elder.

Sacramento	Charles Fish, 1415½ Q street, Sacramento, California
Ione and Valley Springs	W. C. Simpson, Ione, "
Oakdale	A. K. Main, Oakdale, "
Plymouth and Sutter Creek	E. E. Ely, Plymouth, "
Chico	D. S. Reed, Chico, "
Tuolumne	H. W. Dobbins, Tuolumne, "

Fresno District—C. V. Carpenter, District Elder, 617 North Harris Street, Hanford, California.

Fresno and Sanger	J. B. Coffrin, Emma Coffrin, supply, Sanger, California
Hanford	C. V. Carpenter, Hanford, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We have now reached the twenty-fourth mile-stone in the history of our conference, thus concluding the twenty-third year of labor. December 7, 1883, General Superintendent E. P. Hart organized this conference at San Jose. Then, there were seven preachers, four circuits, three Sunday-schools, 67 members in full connection and nine probationers. Today we have 16 preachers, 15 circuits, 10 Sunday-schools, 355 full members and 45 probationers. We think of the number who have gone to their reward, and also that the Southern California conference was originally a part of our conference, and we are made to feel that our labors have not been in vain. Thank God, if we go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, we shall doubtless come again rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. While as a conference we have not enlarged as we might wish, we remember the reward is according to our faithfulness and not to our success. The spirit of self-sacrifice accompanies the spirit of aggressiveness, therefore if we would enlarge our borders we must sacrifice and

like the early Methodists be at it, all at it and always at it. Three things are necessary to success: First, a consecrated laity and ministry; second, unity and harmony between all; and third, a realization that without God we can do nothing. We rejoice and thank God for the degree of spirituality we possess, but we feel a great need of both ministers and lay members humbling themselves before God until they receive a greater baptism of love and power upon their hearts.

We recommend that our circuit preachers open new fields adjoining their circuits, and that our local preachers be afforded systematic work if possible.

We urge a return to the former method of conducting class-meetings, to the use of the Free Methodist hymn book in our regular services, and that more attention be given to prayer and fasting. We further recommend that our class leaders urge the members of their respective classes to contribute a stated amount weekly to the support of the pastor, thus encouraging systematic giving which should be practised by all.

Two camp-meetings, three tabernacle meetings and fourteen revival meetings have been held this year, generally with good success.

Two new classes have been organized; a neat little church purchased at Sacramento. Three hundred and fifty dollars has been spent in repairing church properties outside of damage done by the earthquake of April 18.

We are thankful to God for the blessing and help of the closing year, and look forward to a year of success and victory.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Sabbath Observance.—We believe the institution of the Christian Sabbath to be by divine command and its desecration a sin which will exclude from the kingdom of grace and glory. We deplore the running of Sunday excursions by the railroads, thus placing great temptations before the young by offering reduced rates and many questionable attractions at the other end of the line. We believe that Sabbath visiting, pleasure riding, reading secular papers, getting the mail, letter writing, are infringements on the divine command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Therefore,

Resolved. That we do all we can by precept and example to restore the sacredness of the Sabbath in home and public life.

Divine Worship.—There is a seeming necessity of calling your attention to the importance of regular attendance on public worship, and especially that of the class-meeting. The Sunday-school is not attended as it should be. The increased attendance on the part of the church would prove to be a blessing and help, not only to the society but would be a great source of encouragement to the pastor. There is a lack on the part of our people in attending the quarterly and district meetings. Many official members feel under no obligation to attend these gatherings. As we forget these duties so will we forget God and drift into formalism and spiritual deadness.

Secret Societies.—Never did Satan manifest more infernal skill in devising traps for the souls of men than when he invented the secret lodge. Our country is overrun with lodges. It is lodge, lodge, until the church is almost lodged, and handicapped for want of means and loyal patronage to make it effectual in its mission of love. We believe that in order to keep ourselves free to follow the Lord in all things we must keep out of these deceptive and Christless organizations.

Dress.—Conformity to the world in dress is sometimes manifested among us; especially in the appearance of the children of some of our preachers and pilgrims until they appear like the children of the world. We believe it to be the duty of Free Methodist parents to hold their children to the line of plainness of dress while under their care. Nearly everywhere we see a woful omission of duty in the home on this line. God said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." We would urge our preachers to cry out against this evil which is an avenue that is leading our children away to worldly conformed churches and away from God. While plainness is not always a proof of godliness, those who are godly will be plain. We should be patterns of neatness and keep in the middle of the way.

Prohibition.—We regard the liquor traffic as one of the gigantic evils that is cursing our fair land. Everywhere we see this monster making drunkards of the flower of mankind, making widows and orphans all around us, filling our penitentiaries and jails, and sending thousands of souls to hell. We regard the church in a measure as being responsible for its continuance, for she has votes enough to forever annihilate the nuisance. Therefore, we would urge our brethren in the ministry, our laity, and all who are interested in humanity to preach, pray and vote against it until the cause of prohibition wins. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

General Reforms.—We are convinced that in order for us to maintain our position of opposition to everything that is opposed to godliness, we must be clear and definite in the experience of regeneration and entire sanctification. We deplore the lack of definite holiliness teaching and preaching and that so many of our people mistake a blessing for the real experience of entire sanctification, for we believe our mission as a church is to spread

scriptural holiness over the land, and to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. We pray that God may help us as preachers and teachers to keep before the people the Bible standard of justification and the necessity of every believer being sanctified wholly. Let us be straight in theory, positive and definite in experience and practical and clean in life.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an essential factor in accomplishing the greatest results in the work of saving souls. These results will be largely in proportion to the tone of spiritual life, united efforts and persistent zeal of the pastor, officers and teachers of the school. They should keenly feel the worth of souls, and realize the opportunities within their reach of helping to shape immortal destinies.

Much depends upon a pure, spiritual literature. We recommend the Light and Life supplies as meeting this demand. The Sunday-school should begin and close promptly on time. All the members of the church should attend and co-operate. The singing in many places is far from what it ought to be.

The pastor and missions should be especially remembered by the offerings of the school, and the pastor should frequently give brief addresses. Missionary and temperance exercises should be held quarterly.

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SACRAMENTO DISTRICT											
Sacramento	$ 2 00	$ 2 35	$ 40 00	$ 1 60	$ 625 00	$ 69 47	$ 3 00	1	$ 1700	..	.....
Ione and Valley Springs	3 00	3 85	26 36	1 20	500 15	50 10	23 00	1	2000	1	1000
Oakdale	.....	....	26 15	1 20	439 45	49 35	105 85	1	1500	1	500
Tuolumne	.	....	.....	40	149 88	17 65	9 60	..	.....	..	.....
Plymouth and Sutter Creek	2 80	....	20 00	70	291 85	27 85	.....	1	500	1	300
Chico	.....	.....	16 00	45	161 36	21 95	36 80	1	1200	..	.....
SAN JOSE DISTRICT											
San Jose	10 00	5 00	57 47	3 55	727 55	142 50	35 00	1	4000	1	1000
Alameda	.....	3 00	117 53	1 35	560 25	62 00	5 00	1	2500	1	2000
Corralitos	5 00	.....	71 60	2 95	536 94	121 73	.....	1	2500	1	2000
Santa Rosa and Windsor	...	.....	7 86	50	56 66	16 50	3 25	..	.....	..	.....
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	....	.....	.....	35	.....	18 67	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Pacheco	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	11 85	.....	1	500	1	150
Santa Cruz and Aromas	....	....	7 50	....	.....	15 00	12 50	..	.....	..	.....
FRESNO DISTRICT											
Fresno, Sanger and Selma	.....	.....	.....	.....	285 97	23 25	17 42	..	.....	..	.....
Hanford	....	.....	24 03	1 25	435 17	50 10	35 65	1	1000	1	700
Total	$22 80	$14 20	$ 414 60	$15 85	$4750 23	$ 697 97	$ 287 07	10	$ 17400	8	$ 7650

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SACRAMENTO, SAN JOSE AND FRESNO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT	G. G. Kessel, District Elder																	
Sacramento	J. E. Cochran	34	5	39	..	..	1	7	40	5	$ 11 84	$ 5 76	$ 12 80	$ 4 80	$ 3 20	.....	$ 26 80	$ 14 70
Ione and Valley Springs	W. C. Simpson	23	4	27	..	..	1	8	30	7	8 88	4 32	9 60	3 60	2 40	.....	8 75	37 20
Oakdale	A. K. Main	28	4	32	4	2	1	7	53	10	8 88	4 30	9 60	3 60	2 42	.....	18 80	53 20
Tuolumne	H. W. Dobbins	6	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	1	2 96	1 44	3 20	1 20	80	....	95	.....
Plymouth and Sutter Creek	E. E. Ely	18	..	18	1	..	2	8	50	8	5 18	2 52	5 60	2 10	1 40	....	2 60	18 05
Chico	J. B. Coffrin	18	2	20	..	1	1	6	35	4	3 33	1 62	3 60	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....
SAN JOSE DISTRICT	G. G. Kessel, District Elder																	
San Jose	W. C. Graves	69	7	76	2	1	1	11	61	17	26 27	12 78	28 40	10 65	7 10	.....	15 00	156 45
Alameda	D. S. Reed	29	14	43	2	..	2	18	167	15	9 99	4 86	10 80	4 05	2 70	.....	9 35	191 20
Corralitos	Charles Fish	57	3	60	2	..	1	11	71	15	23 60	10 62	21 83	8 85	5 90	.....	.....	133 34
Santa Rosa and Windsor	G. B. Phetteplace	9	..	9	..	1	1	2	11	2	3 70	1 80	4 40	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	G. G. Kessel	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	2 59	1 06	2 80	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacheco	G. G. Kessel	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....	90	2 80	95	.....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Cruz and Aromas	G. G. Kessel	11	5	16	..	2	1	5	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.. ....	.	....	.....	.....
FRESNO DISTRICT	G. G. Kessel, District Elder																	
Fresno, Sanger and Selma	W. J. Call	17	1	18	1	..	..	..	..	5	2 19	3 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 60	.....
Hanford	C. V. Carpenter	26	3	29	..	..	1	7	48	8	9 25	4 50	10 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	9 79
Total		357	54	411	12	7	13	90	581	103	$ 118 66	$ 59 54	$ 125 43	$ 47 45	$ 30 32	.....	$ 84 85	$613 93

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Los Angeles, California, June 13-17, 1906

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

DAVID McLEOD, *Secretary.* S. O. YELVINGTON, *Assistant Secretary.*

C. W. SHAY, *Conference Secretary of Sunday-schools.*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—M. N. Downing, E. Leonardson, James Craig, C. O. Cooper, J. G. Wilson.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, M. N. Downing, J. Craig, J. G. Wilson.

On State of the Work—M. N. Downing, J. Craig, J. G. Baird.

On Sabbath-schools—F. A. Ames, J. S. B. Nickel, M. C. Sperow, Clyde R. Ebey, D. C. Newell, C. W. Shay.

On Publications—J. B. Freeland, F. H. Horton, C. O. Cooper.

On Education—C. W. Shay, L. C. Ebey, Mary C. Craig, N. J. Davis.

On Reforms—E. Leonardson, S. O. Yelvington, Victor Larson, F. J. Heil.

On Claims and Claimants—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Griffith, F. H. Horton.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. C. Newell, E. G. Albright.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—The stationing committee.

Auditing Committee—G. W. Griffith, C. O. Cooper, S. R. Gittins.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Resolutions—J. G. Baird, Clyde R. Ebey.

STANDING COMMITTEES

On Prohibition and Temperance—E. Leonardson, president; J. G. Baird, F. J. Heil.

To Visit the Seminary—J. B. Roberts, C. O. Cooper.

To Secure Permanent Camp Ground—J. K. Freeland, G. W. Griffith, M. N. Downing, C. O. Dooper, M. C. Sperow, F. J. Heil, E. Leonardson.

CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE

M. N. Downing, C. O. Cooper, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heil, J. K. Freeland, M. C. Sperow, E. Leonardson, David McLeod.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—S. O. Yelvington. *On Publications*—D. G. Shepard.

On Reforms—J. B. Freeland. *On Sabbath-schools*—D. C. Newell.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Griffith, for one year; D. G. Shepard, for two years; E. Leonardson, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. W. Griffith, president; D. G. Shepard, secretary; M. C. Sperow, F. J. Heil, E. Leonardson.

TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES FREE METHODIST SEMINARY

G. W. Griffith, Joel E. Baird, for one year; C. B. Ebey, for two years; M. C. Spe-

row, M. L. Winegarden, for three years; D. G. Shepard, H. L. Kibby, for four years; E. Leonardson, H. Bush, for five years.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

D. G. Shepard, E. Leonardson, F. J. Heil, for one year; J. K. Freeland, G. W. Griffith, E. C. Shipley, for two years; M. N. Downing, David McLeod, M. C. Sperow, for three years.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. B. Ebey,	David McLeod,	James Seals,	J. B. Roberts,
F. A. Ames,	S. R. Gittins,	L. C. Ebey,	Elsworth Leonardson,
D. G. Shepard,	M. N. Huston,	E. G. Albright,	A. B. Gill,
J. K. Freeland,	Edward Cook,	Clyde R. Ebey,	M. N. Downing.
F. H. Horton,	W. F. Warren,	S. O. Yelvington,	C. L. Hewitt,
N. J. Davis,	J. B. Freeland,	James Craig,	D. C. Newell,
Clark W. Shay,	G. W. Griffith,	M. DeL. Wilkinson,	W. C. Graves,
J. Q. Murray,	W. E. Stewart.		

DELEGATES

C. O. Cooper,	F. J. Heil,	J. G. Baird,	J. G. Wilson,
Mary C. Craig,	Victor C. Larson,	M. C. Sperow,	J. S. B. Nickel,
Carrie I. Fuller,	William Blumfield.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, M. N. Downing, James Craig, M. C. Sperow, Mary C. Craig.

3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 15. None.

6. Who are the deacons? D. C. Newell, of the first class; E. G. Albright, of the second class.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. T. Warren, E. G. Albright, W. E. Stewart.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? M. N. Huston, S. R. Gittins, J. B. Roberts, L. C. Ebey, Edward Cook, M. L. Wilkinson, James Seals, C. L. Hewitt.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. Q. Murray, W. E. Stewart, ordained elders, from the Iowa conference; W. C. Graves, an elder, from the California conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Clyde R. Ebey, to the California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-20, 23. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? M. N. Huston, $90; J. B. Roberts, $120; M. L. Wilkinson, $50; James Seals, $150; S. R. Gittins, $90; C. L. Hewitt, $45. Total, $545.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place left with conference camp-meeting committee, in connection with a camp-meeting, as near the last week in May, 1907, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held in connection with a camp-meeting in Mineral Park. Our loved General Superintendent E. P. Hart was in attendance.

Order of conference collections: First quarter, Conference Missions (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), and Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' (18 cents), and Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants and Permanent Fund and American Bible Society.

The pastors are expected to preach once on the Bible in each congregation and take a collection for the American Bible Society and forward the funds to the conference treasurer.

The tireless W. F. M. S. reported 215 active members, 74 honorary, six life and 139 Juniors; they raised during the year, $3,675.21.

APPOINTMENTS

Los Angeles District—M. N. Downing, District Elder, Whittier, California.

Los Angeles..... W. C. Graves, 608 East Sixth street, Los Angeles, California
Pasadena and La Manda Park.....
..... D. G. Shepard, 306 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena, "
Whittier.....S. O. Yelvington, Whittier, "
Hermon and Highland Park..... G. W. Griffith, Hermon, "
Santa Ana.....F. H. Horton, 315 Fruit street, Santa Ana, "
Sawtelle.....Ada Pearce, supply, Sawtelle, "
Garden Grove and Anaheim.....F. A. Ames, Anaheim, "
Compton.....To be supplied
Monte Vista .....J. T. Wornam, supply, Sunland, "
Monrovia.....To be supplied
San Diego.....David McLeod, 917 Beach street, San Diego, "
Mpoma, Los Berras, Santa Maria and Pine Grove..D. C. Newell, Santa Maria, "

C. B. Ebey, editor of the *Free Methodist;* M. N. Huston, Hermon, California, superannuated; S. R. Gittins, Santa Ana, California, superannuated; J. B. Roberts, 255 East Adams street, Los Angeles, California, superannuated; M. L. Wilkinson, Hermon, California, superannuated; James Seals, 306 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena, California, superannuated; C. L. Hewitt, Santa Ana, California, superannuated; Edward Cook, Whittier, California, superannuated; L. C. Ebey, Hermon, California, superannuated; E. Leonardson, 3707 Moneta avenue, Los Angeles, California, conference missionary; A. B. Gill, Santa Ana, California, left without appointment by unanimous recommendation of the stationing committee; J. B. Freeland, Hermon, California, evangelist; J. Q. Murray, 753½ Merchant street, Los Angeles, California, evangelist; Clyde R. Ebey, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, California, granted certificate of standing; N. J. Davis, Hermon, California, evangelist and principal of the Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary; J. K. Freeland, Station A, Pasadena, California, teacher in the seminary; C. W. Shay, Hermon, California, teacher in the seminary; W. T. Warren, 130 East Forty-fourth avenue, Los Angeles, California, supernumerary; E. G. Albright, Hermon, California, supernumerary; W. E. Stewart, Hermon, California, supernumerary.

Arizona District—James Craig, District Elder, 439 East Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Phœnix and Glendale .....James Craig
Liberty.....To be supplied

LOCAL PREACHERS

*E. C. Shipley.....255 East Adams street, Los Angeles, California.
*T. T. McCall.....Los Angeles, California
*W. A. Whitlock .....Whittier, "
William Abbott..National City, "
†Joel G. Baird.....Hermon, "
W. V. Burr.....Hermon, "
*J. S. B. Nickel.....Monrovia, "
D. B. Harrer.....Liberty, Arizona
David Rounds....1496 East Fourth street, Los Angeles, California.
†H. M. Allen.....3081 East Sixth street, Los Angeles, California.
*James M. Cusick.....LaHabra, California
†J. G. Wilson.....Whittier, "
*J. W. Buckner .....Hermon, "
†Cyrus E. Marsh.....Hermon, "
Joseph Sizelove....Los Angeles. "
C. L. Hafley.....San Marcial, New Mexico
J. L. Graham.....Liberty, Arizona
J. T. Wornam.....Sunland, California

*Elder. †Deacon.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary S. Allen..3081 East Sixth street, Los Angeles, California.
Mrs. M. H. Freeland..Whittier, California
Mrs. Emma Freeland Shay.....Hermon, California.
Mrs. Nora C. Roberts.....255 East Adams street, Los Angeles, California.
Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt...Hermon, California
Miss Ada Pearce.....Sawtelle, "

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Iva Engle, LaManda Park, California
Mrs. Mary Bundy.....Santa Maria, California
J. R. B. Shideler.....704 Webster avenue, San Diego, California.
Miss Emma Graham.....Liberty, Arizona
Mrs. Elizabeth Albright.....Hermon, California.
Mrs. Myrtle Shideler....704 Webster avenue, San Diego, California.
Mrs. M. E. Martin..704 Webster avenue, San Diego, California.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION.

The results of the sacrifice and efforts of our people in behalf of Christian education are very encouraging. Intelligent, efficient and consecrated workers, who have been prepared in our seminaries are found in many fields. Still, are there not a few points in which our most excellent seminaries may be made even more efficient?

First, with reference to the Bible as a text-book. While all our seminaries have felt the necessity of definite and systematic work in Bible study, there is practically no consensus of opinion as to what work should be required. Precedent and "College requirement" have not marked out definite courses of Bible study. Bible work should be required of all students and, during the four years of academic work necessary to win a seminary diploma, there should be a requirement of a one year's course in Bible study. It is always objected that the courses are already overcrowded. But let it be granted that the Bible has a superior claim to any other study in science or literature and the objection has no special application against a Bible course.

The importance of a good working knowledge of the Bible may be argued from various standpoints.

First, its importance appears if it is granted that the Bible is the basis of moral law. This the student of history must acknowledge. To quote from an eminent educator: "It is the unanimous verdict of history that it is impossible to base moral obligation either on expediency or human authority. The fairest fruits of such effort have been apples of Sodom—ashes to the core. The most stringent penal codes ever framed have been powerless to restrain from crime men who have acknowledged no other authority than themselves. Back of the authority of the family, of the school, of the state, if it is to be respected and obeyed, must be felt that of a supreme law-giver, the final source of moral obligation."

The second argument for a good, thorough course in Bible study is that such a course is necessary to keep pace with the foremost and best educational thought of the land. The pendulum swing of educational thought, influenced as it has been by an irreligious and infidel outcry against Bible instruction, has passed the most distant point from God and the Bible, and is on its return trip. The time-honored argument of the pilgrim fathers, that the state needs religious instruction, if it is to develop good citizens, again carries force.

A third argument in favor of a thorough Bible course is found in the fact that we acknowledge a very serious responsibility concerning the spiritual welfare of those under our tuition. The public school may excuse itself from any direct effort for the salvation of the souls of its scholars, but we cannot excuse ourselves from such an effort and we would not if we could. * * *

In addition to Bible study and partially as a result of it, we may hope for much spiritual fruit from our schools. * * *

The next point of improvement in our seminaries refers to what is known as the industrial idea in education. Building upon this idea, agricultural colleges, polytechnic high schools and other like institutions are enjoying phenomenal prosperity, and their achievements are proving highly satisfactory. Industrial instruction is fast becoming a part of the public school system. It is the result of a changed standard in education. The end of the new education is character, power, usefulness, rather than high scholarship. A man is

revered for what he is and for what he can do more than for what he knows. Power and influence do not come alone from knowledge, but from skill in its application.

The advantages of an industrial education are many and great. It is the best answer ever given to that ever present question: What shall the boys and girls do with their surplus energy and time? They can always be entertained and profitably employed in the wood workers' shop, in the iron workers' department, with drafting instruments, or in some other industrial department. It gives life a new meaning to our young people. They feel that they are a part of this great working world. It is very important for them to master some means by which they could earn a living if a chosen occupation should close its doors to them. Skill with the hands is best secured in youth and such skill is a lifelong benefit.

In addition to these practical advantages mental discipline results as truly from learning to use the tools of constructive industry as from the study of Latin or algebra. Instead of being a burdensome addition to an overcrowded course of study, it proves a relief and a real aid. A president of an agricultural college has said: "We accomplish just as much in the formal studies after we have spent two hours a day in practical industry, as do other institutions." The president of a State Normal has said: "Studies which, before the industrial experiment was introduced, had been in a measure unintelligible, were now understood, and so far as proving a burdensome addition to an already overcrowded program, the new subject served as a relief and an easement to the overtaxed children. It was the custom of the Jews to teach the boys a trade. Paul found it convenient to ply his trade as a tent-maker.

The industrial idea has worked its way deep into the educational conscience. The promoters of our seminaries have given voice to conviction with reference to it at various times and in various ways. One principal has had a dream ten years long, of a broom factory where boys might learn a practical trade and be given a means of self-help. These experiments, visions and dreams are as pathetic as the intense longing of a poor little girl for a new calico dress. They serve to emphasize the poverty of means for furnishing a proper industrial education. Since every argument is in favor of an industrial department, and only the means is lacking, it is to be hoped that immediate steps will be taken to secure means to found such departments in all of our seminaries.

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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT											
Los Angeles, First church	$ 7 50	$ 2 50	$ 63 15	.....	$ 865 89	$ 91 85	$ 59 92	1	$ 10000	1	$ 7000
Pasadena and La Manda Park	1 52	4 61	91 06	.....	685 00	83 80	.....	1	3800	1	1500
Whittier	3 50	6 00	35 22	$ 1 50	380 99	56 25	54 00	1	3000	..	.....
Hermon, and Highland Park	6 66	.....	163 34	.....	755 54	100 16	38 49	1	4000	..	.....
Santa Ana and Garden Grove	5 00	3 60	67 00	...	660 00	94 80	89 00	1	3000	1	3000
Sawtelle	2 00	2 00	20 00	40	456 00	61 80	50 00	1	1400	..	.....
Compton, Moneta, Long Beach	1 00	.....	.....	.....	222 17	30 35	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Monte Vista	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 40	12 40	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Monrovia and Vineland	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	19 20	.....	..	.....	..	.....
San Diego	....	3 50	19 64	.....	388 84	41 06	24 78	1	3000	1	500
Santa Maria and Nepoma	....	.....	.....	....	219 35	39 65	31 70	..	.....	..	.....
Artesia	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	1	300	1	200
Anaheim	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
ARIZONA DISTRICT											
Phœnix and Glendale	1 75	2 50	23 32	.....	333 11	16 37	7 35	1	3300	1	450
Liberty and Buckeye	2 21	.....	16 00	.....	250 00	26 25	.....	1	800	1	150
Prescott	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$31 14	$24 71	$ 498 73	$ 1 90	$5244 39	$ 675 91	$ 355 24	11	33600	7	$12800

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES AND ARIZONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT	M. N. Downing, Dist. Elder																	
Los Angeles, First church	David McLeod	71	19	89	4	3	1	10	123	15	$ 23 52	$ 10 08	$ 28 00	$ 8 40	$ 5 60	..	$ 15 00	$420 39
Pasadena and La Manda Park	James Seals	70	2	72	..	1	1	11	120	24	25 62	10 98	30 50	9 15	6 10	$ 9 76	15 00	221 33
Whittier	J. B. Freeland	39	9	48	3	1	1	10	93	17	12 16	5 04	14 00	4 20	2 80	.....	6 00	529 40
Hermon and Highland Park	G. W. Griffith	90	12	102	5	3	1	17	223	35	30 96	12 96	36 00	10 80	7 20	.....	10 00	1182 46
Santa Ana and Garden Grove	D. G. Shepard	68	9	77	..	.	2	14	84	16	28 56	12 24	34 00	10 20	6 80	.....	.....	135 00
Sawtelle	F. A. Ames	35	2	37	..	1	1	5	25	16	10 55	4 50	12 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	6 65	186 21
Compton, Moneta and Long Beach	S. O. Yelvington	11	...	11	..	..	..	..	..	4	2 94	1 26	3 50	1 05	70	1 12	2 00	.....
Monte Vista	J. T. Wornam	7	...	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 10	90	2 50	75	50	80	.....	.....
Monrovia and Vineland	J. S. B. Nickle	6	1	7	1	..	..	..	..	2	1 68	72	2 00	60	40	64	.....	.....
San Diego	Ada Pearce	17	..	17	1	3	1	7	30	4	10 08	4 32	12 00	3 60	2 40	3 84	.....	48 35
Santa Maria and Nipoma	D. C. Newell	9	1	10	..	1	..	..	..	4	4 62	1 98	5 50	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Artesia	M. L. Wilkinson	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 52	1 08	3 00	90	60	96	.....	.....
Anaheim	George E. Berg	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA DISTRICT	James Craig, District Elder																	
Phoenix and Glendale	James Craig	21	3	24	2	..	1	6	24	8	7 14	3 06	8 50	2 55	1 70	2 72	68 10	17 70
Liberty and Buckeye	J. L. Graham	20	5	25	2	2	1	9	30	1	10 50	4 50	12 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	41 75	.....
Prescott	James Craig	....	.	....	..	..	.	....	....	....	1 68	72	2 00	60	40	64	.....	.....
Total		470	65	535	18	15	10	84	752	150	‡$174 63	$ 74 34	$ 206 50	$ 61 95	$ 41 30	$ 28 48	$ 174 50	2740 84

‡Permanent fund included $21.05.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held in Spokane, Washington, April 4-7, 1906

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

J. E. BRADLEY, *Secretary.* O. F. De FOE, *Assistant Secretary.*

J. E. BRADLEY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, P. H. Griggs, E. W. Achilles, O. F. DeFoe.

On Publications—J. E. Bradley, Guy Denney, E. M. Mortimore.

On Education—O. F. DeFoe, H. Beamish, E. M. Norris.

On Sunday-schools—J. N. Wood, G. R. Stamp, D. C. Lee.

On Reforms—L. W. Steele, F. O. Lewis, P. A. Scott.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Claims and Claimants—E. P. Hart, P. H. Griggs, E. W. Achilles, S. S. Parris, H. S. Roberts.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. O. Lewis, H. Beamish, F. W. Dickey.

On Ministerial Relations—P. H. Griggs, F. O. Lewis, J. S. Bradley, D. D. Dodge, F. W. Dickey.

On Nominations—E. W. Achilles, P. H. Griggs, F. W. Dickey.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. W. Achilles, F. O. Lewis, Guy Denney, P. H. Griggs, S. S. Parris.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. W. Achilles, for five years; O. F. DeFoe, for four years; L. W. Steele, for three years; Guy Denney, for two years; J. N. Wood, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—B. H. Alberts. *On Publications*—D. D. Dodge.

On Sunday-schools—O. F. DeFoe. *On Reforms*—E. W. Achilles.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Superintendents' (— cents) and General Missions (— cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' (— cents) and Permanent Fund (— cents); third quarter, Church Extension (— cents) and General Conference Delegates' Expenses (16 cents) and Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Home Missions (25 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,	P. H. Griggs,	J. D. Cook,	B. H. Alberts,
J. N. Wood,	Guy Denney,	J. S. Bradley,	F. H. Church.

PREACHERS—Continued

C. F. Denney,	E. A. Sayre,	J. E. Bradley,	L. W. Steele,
E. M. Norris,	O. F. DeFoe,	H. Beamish,	S. R. Sayre,
D. D. Dodge,	F. O. Lewis,	J. G. Tunison,	G. R. Stamp.

DELEGATES

Elmer Greir,	H. S. Roberts,	Maggie Denney,	Hannah Pierce,
E. M. Mortimore,	S. S. Parris,	D. C. Lee,	F. W. Dickey,
S. E. Scott,	P. A. Scott,	Frank Norris.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. W. Achilles, P. H. Griggs, H. S. Roberts, E. M. Mortimore.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. H. Boddy.

4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15. None.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. E. Bradley, E. M. Norris.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. S. Bradley, J. D. Cook.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. O. Lewis, an elder from the North Minnesota conference; D. D. Dodge, an elder from the Platte River conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? B. H. Alberts, J. D. Cook.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except in the case of F. H. Church, concerning whom the district elder of the Pendleton, Dalles and Boise districts was to make investigation.

16-20, 23, 24. See statistics and appointments.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, $150; J. D. Cook, $100; Mrs. Nora Edwards, $75.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Spokane, Washngton, as near the first Wednesday in April, 1907, as will be consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh annual session of the Columbia River conference was held in the new Free Methodist church at Spokane, Washington.

We were much pleased to have our beloved senior superintendent with us again. He presided with his usual ability and satisfaction. His addresses to the conference were inspiring and his sermons were deep and spiritual.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised nearly $300 during the year.

APPOINTMENTS

Spokane District—Albert Bean, District Elder, Colville, Washington.

Spokane	O. F. DeFoe, 1823 East Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington
Clark's Fork	H. Beamish, Clark's Fork, Idaho
Tyler and Greir	F. O. Lewis, Tyler, Washington
Sprague and Ritzville	P. H. Griggs, Sprague, "
Tekoa, Summervale and St. John	L. W. Steele, Tekoa, "
Sanders and Emida	R. E. Greir, supply, Sanders, Idaho
Penawawa and Willow Creek	E. W. Achilles, Penawawa, Washington
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	To be supplied
Moscow, Idaho	W. H. Boddy

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Colville District—Albert Bean, District Elder.

Colville.....Emma Ellison, supply, Colville, Washington
Chewelah.....Emma R. Green, supply, Chewelah, "
Daisy and Waterloo.....J. N. Wood, Daisy, "
Kettle Falls and Orient.....Lydia P. Stewart, supply

J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Daisy, Washington.

Walla Walla District—D. D. Dodge, District Elder, Hood River, Oregon.

Athena and Waterman.....E. M. Norris, Athena, Oregon
Pomeroy.....To be supplied

The Dalles District—D. D. Dodge, District Elder.

Dalles, Hood River and White River.....J. E. Bradley, Hood River, Oregon
Bake Oven.....To be supplied
Madras and Killingbeck.....G. R. Stamp
Laidlaw and Klines Falls.....F. S. Andrus

D. D. Dodge, member of The Dalles district quarterly conference.

Boise District—D. D. Dodge, District Elder.

Boise and Caldwell.....Guy Denney
Lavance and Payette.....Thomas Weir

B. H. Alberts, J. D. Cook, given certificates of standing with view to transfer; E. A. Sayre, J. G. Tunison, C. F. Denney, left without appointment because their circumstances prevented them from taking work; F. H. Church, left without appointment according to Discipline.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $97.31.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $13.15.
General Superintendents'.—Assessed and paid, $47.34.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $39.45.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $19.10.
Home Missions.—$48.
Appropriated as follows: E. W. Achilles, $15; P. H. Griggs, $15; D. D. Dodge, $10; G. R. Stamp, $8. Total, $48.
Foreign Missions.—$65.26.
To Publish the Minutes.—$16.95.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The subject of publications, considered in a practical sense, is one that concerns every Christian most vitally. The world is filled with reading matter, good and bad, pure and impure. He who makes no choice of what he reads, but carelessly buries himself in the contents of whatever paper or volume chances to fall into his hands, exposes himself to the sophisms of every false philosophy, and betrays his mind to the venomous sting of every viperous theory and creed.

What is thought is written, and what is written is read; and thus the infection that might otherwise have died with him upon whom it first appeared, becomes the common blight and ruin of many unwary minds. Hence the great necessity of a wise choice respecting the matter that we read; a choice with reference to the general character and teaching of the production, and not seriously regarding instances of an incidental nature. It is not sufficient reason for securing a book or paper because it is cheap. Reading that which costs you nothing may, in the end, cost you most.

A religious subject does not warrant the expression of pure and wholesome thought. The most vicious and damning doctrines of the age, as well as the sly and treacherous intrigues of designing men—theories and plots that would rob the world of vital godliness, and destroy the last vestige of everything that is pure and good, are arrayed in a religious garb.

That some difficulty attends the choice of proper reading matter, we admit. But, at

least, let us try. Our own better judgment will assist us in coming to a decision. When we discover that error is being taught we should turn our attention to something better (if, indeed, we read only for the good we may obtain thereby), and drop, as poison that which would teach us wrong things.

Furthermore, we have friends upon whose judgment we may safely depend and who would gladly advise us in this important matter.

With these few suggestions, and not in any sense to disrespect the many other writings of sound doctrine and noble sentiment, we would especially recommend most heartily to our people the patronage of our own publishing house. For a store of clean pure literature we think it cannot be excelled. Those who guide the affairs of this department are to be highly commended for the efficient manner in which their duties have been performed. The best of religious books are there to be had and the prices are always reasonable. How many of these books—the gems of religious literature—are still unread by the majority of our people; while works of an inferior quality, to say the least, if not decidedly misleading in their nature, are stacked upon their shelves.

Our church paper always contains such reading as is helpful to everyone who is endeavoring to know and do the will of God. We know not of any paper that so fully meets the end for which it is published. No Free Methodist family can afford to be without a weekly visit from this messenger of truth and light.

Our own Sunday-school literature is used in most if not all of our Sunday-schools. This is indeed commendable, for surely none better is published.

Finally, that good reading is helpful none will deny. Then the better the reading the better the results that shall be obtained therefrom. Let us, therefore, with all diligence, make such selections for our libraries and reading tables as shall minister to our spiritual well being, and shall help us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPOKANE DISTRICT											
Spokane	.....	.....	$ 61 50	$ 1 30	$ 485 13	$ 43 00	$ 13 00	1	$ 2300	1	$ 1200
Tekoa and St. John	.....	.....	53 90	75	578 15	40 00	17 00	1	1200	1	2000
Sprague, Ritzville, Lords Valley	....	....	6 63	50	564 77	28 00	.....	1	675	..	.....
Clarks Fork	$ 2 31	....	48 64	35	102 31	28 00	13 20	1	800	..	.
Penawawa and Willow Creek	.....	....	.....	1 05	.....	50 00	.....	2	1200	1	600
Tyler and Greir	....	....	20 58	1 20	299 42	24 00	5 80	1	425	1	400
Sanders and Emida	....	....	12 80	65	80 50	32 00	.....	..	.....	1	250
COLVILLE DISTRICT											
Colville	....	2 00	36 71	1 25	323 38	50 00	.....	1	1600	1	800
Chewelah	1 00	1 00	28 60	80	356 34	36 00	17 93	1	1200	1	800
Daisy and Waterloo	.....	.....	9 49	80	382 03	26 00	4 50	..	.....	..	.....
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT											
Athena and Waterman	.....	.....	.....	40	488 42	60 00	69 90	..	.....	1	1000
Pomeroy	....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
DALLES DISTRICT											
Hood River	....	.....	.....	20	59 75	32 66	.....	..	.....	.	.....
Bake Oven	.....	....	31 41	45	35 85	35 30	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Dalles and White River	....	....	.....	95	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Madras and Haystack	....	.....	.....	.....	68 00	20 00	.....	1	300	..	.....
BOISE DISTRICT											
Boise and Parma	.....	.....	10 00	50	384 85	41 00	.....	..	.....	1	500
Total	$ 3 31	$ 3 00	$ 320 26	$12 40	$4208 90	$ 545 96	$ 141 33	10	$ 9700	9	$ 7550

Tracts, $2.35.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COLVILLE, WALLA WALLA, DALLES AND BOISE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SPOKANE DISTRICT	P. H. Griggs, District Elder																	
Spokane	O. F. DeFoe	34	8	42	2	1	1	12	100	15	$ 9 62	$ 4 68	$ 6 50	$ 3 90	$ 2 60	.....	$ 27 76	$ 35 00
Tekoa and St. John	L. W. Steele	38	9	47	..	..	4	14	80	16	12 21	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	$ 1 65	.....	17 00
Sprague, Ritzville and Lords Valley	J. N. Wood	12	1	13	..	..	1	5	19	4	3 70	1 80	1 40	1 50	1 00	.....	3 30	8 00
Clarks Fork	H. Beamish	7	..	7	..	1	1	6	19	3	2 59	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	.....	19 30	.....
Penawawa and Willow Creek	P. H. Griggs	15	4	19	1	..	..	..	..	9	7 77	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Tyler and Greir	G. W. Medley	13	1	14	..	..	1	8	25	2	8 88	4 32	2 50	3 60	2 40	.....	6 00	.....
Sanders and Emida	R. E. Greir	13	..	13	..	..	1	9	25	2	4 81	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	.....	2 95	.....
COLVILLE DISTRICT	P. H. Griggs, District Elder																	
Colville	J. E. Bradley	28	1	29	2	..	1	7	45	11	9 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Chewelah	Emma R. Green	21	3	24	1	1	1	9	38	4	5 92	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	.....	4 45	6 50
Daisy and Waterloo	Lydia P. Stewart	15	4	19	1	1	1	5	21	3	5 92	2 88	1 44	2 40	1 60	2 56	1 50	.....
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles District Elder																	
Athena and Waterman	E. M. Norris	9	2	11	1	..	..	..	..	3	2 46	1 41	2 00	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Pomeroy	E. W. Achilles	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2	1 45	90	1 25	75	50	.....	.....	.....
DALLES DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Hood River	D. D. Dodge	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	1 48	72	1 00	60	40	.....	.....	.....
Bake Oven	S. R. Sayre	9	4	13	1	..	1	7	27	6	3 32	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	.....	.....	4 85
Dalles and White River	E. W. Achilles	19	..	19	1	1	1	5	..	4	7 03	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Madras and Hay Stack	G. R. Stanp	17	6	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	2 40	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
BOISE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Boise and Parma	Guy Denney	22	3	25	2	..	1	7	35	9	3 70	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total		282	46	328	14	5	15	94	434	96	$ 92 51	$ 45 72	$ 56 14	$ 38 10	$ 25 40	$ 4 21	$ 65 26	$ 71 35

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Central City, Nebraska, August 8-12, 1906

OFFICERS

BENJAMIN WINGET, *President.*

J. L. DODGE, *Secretary.* C. H. FOE, *Assistant Secretary.*

KERSEY THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, George Vogt, K. Thomas, B. B. Orr.

On Sabbath-schools—R. F. Johnston, G. W. Woogerd, J. L. Hilliard, J. W. Thomas, Etta Johnston, Daisy Pickett, Keziah Morrow.

On Publications—J. L. Dodge, G. W. Johnston, J. H. Brittain, G. E. Bennett, W. A. Stevens, Charles Schroder, Louise Pickett, Addie Headley.

On Education—C. H. Foe, S. S. Cameron, B. B. Orr, William Beyers, N. B. Ghormley, M. J. Miller, Joseph Beetem, William Bishop, R. B. Anderson.

On Reforms—Otto Zimmerman, C. H. Sawyer, David Reck, G. W. Tinker, J. W. Edwards, Oscar Carlson, T. H. Hendren, Rosetta Eckberg, Sarah Thompson.

On Resolutions—N. B. Ghormley, J. W. Edwards, E. M. Letner.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Otto Zimmerman, J. W. McIrvin, Etta Johnston.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. H. Brittain.

To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary—George Vogt, S. S. Cameron, B. F. Closson, J. L. Hilliard, M. J. Miller.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George Vogt, R. F. Johnston, G. W. Tinker, Joseph Beetem, T. H. Hendren.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. L. Dodge, president, five years; George Vogt, four years. K. Thomas, three years; R. F. Johnston, two years; C. H. Foe, secretary, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. J. Damon, J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, R. F. Johnston, S. S. Cameron.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Otto Zimmerman, Orleans, Nebraska.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, deficits for last year, Tracts; second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Church Extension, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants', Permanent Fund, Educational Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. H. Brittain. *On Sabbath-schools*—R. F. Johnston.

On Reforms—Otto Zimmerman.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas,	J. W. Edwards,	J. H. Brittain,	S. S. Cameron,
B. F. Closson,	J. W. Thomas,	Otto Zimmerman,	G. W. Tinker,
C. H. Sawyer,	N. B. Ghormley,	G. W. Woogerd,	B. B. Orr,
George Vogt,	David Reck.	J. W. McIrvin,	G. E. Bennett.
C. H. Foe,	R. F. Johnston,	A. R. Baxter,	G. W. Hayes,
J. L. Dodge,	G. W. Johnston.		

DELEGATES

M. J. Miller,	Charles Schroder,	Daisy Pickett.	Rosetta Eckberg,
E. M. Letner,	Sarah Thompson,	Joseph Beetem,	Oscar Carlson,
W. A. Stevens,	Keziah Morrow,	Etta Johnston,	Rufus Anderson,
J. L. Hilliard,	Louise Pickett,	Addie Headley,	William Bishop,
J. H. Hendren,	Sarah Bennett,	W. W. Beyers,	Anna Tarleton.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, George Vogt, Kersey Thomas, J. L. Hilliard, T. H. Hendren.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. I. Farnham, J. H. Anderson, J. K. Lydic, R. L Pickett, A. A. Devor.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? A. R. Baxter, G. W. Hayes, G. E. Bennett. Local deacons: D. E. Dodge, H. R. Lucore, C. Hauxwell, A. Easton, M. V. Hawk, A. F. Smith, A. L. Seavey, Samuel F. Smith.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. S. Cameron, B. B. Orr, G. W. Tinker.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. W. Thomas, J. W. Edwards.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Otto Zimmerman from the Kansas conference; G. W. Woogerd, from Oklahoma conference; J. W. McIrvin, from the West Kansas conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? G. W. Hayes, J. W. McIrvin, N. B. Ghormley.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Within the bounds of Cambridge district, not later than August 20, 1907.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was held in Kombrink's grove, one mile west of Central City, Nebraska, in connection with a camp-meeting. The general attendance was good, though not as large as in some former years. The local interest and attendance was quite good.

Rev. B. Winget presided over the conference in place of General Superintendent E. P. Hart. who was unable to be present. While the conference was greatly disappointed in not meeting Brother and Sister Hart once more, they were satisfied with Brother Winget's administration and highly edified by his good preaching and godly admonitions.

Rev. D. S. Warner was a blessing to the meeting, both by his preaching and the sale of good books and periodicals. The conference extended a hearty welcome to Rev. A. J. Damon, principal of Orleans Seminary, and are expecting continued success and prosperity under his labors.

Rev. D. S. Warner preached on Christian Education after which Brother Ghormley

raised over $300 in subscriptions for Orleans Seminary. Brother Winget delivered an instructive address on our foreign missionary work, followed by a collection of fifty-eight dollars in cash, and about $430 in subscriptions for foreign missions. Our sisters of the W. F. M. S. have raised over $450 during the year. They also report eight local and four district societies, with 152 members.

There were good altar services following the preaching at nearly every service, and at most of these there were from ten to twenty earnest seekers. Some good and thorough work was done.

George Vogt and C. H. Foe were elected district elders on first ballot. J. W. Edwards was elected ministerial, and T. H. Hendren lay delegate to the ensuing general conference.

The following was adopted by the conference with no dissenting votes: "We sincerely regret that Prof. and Mrs. N. B. Ghormley feel called to sever their connection with us and go to labor in other fields of the Master's vineyard. We desire to express our appreciation of their earnest and faithful labors in behalf of Orleans Seminary, the salvation of our young people, and the building up of God's kingdom among us, and the efficient service they have rendered on these lines. We heartily commend them to the church of God everywhere, and in particular to those with whom God may call them to labor in the future."

APPOINTMENTS

Orleans District—C. H. Foe, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Orleans	Otto Zimmerman, Orleans,	Nebraska
Alma and Bloomington	S. S. Cameron, Alma,	"
Hastings, Blue Hill and Minden	D. D. Burwell, Hastings,	"
Atlanta and Ragan	Rosetta Eckberg, Gus Eckberg, supplies, Orleans,	"
Oxford and Bertrand	Daisy Pickett, supply, Oxford,	"
Precept and Beaver City	G. W. Woogerd, Orleans,	"

K. Thomas, conference evangelist, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Edwards, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, supernumerary, Omaha, Nebraska. C. H. Foe, member of Orleans district quarterly conference.

Cambridge District—C. H. Foe, District Elder.

Cambridge, Bartley and McCook	G. W. Tinker, Cambridge, Laura Tinker, supply	Nebraska
Edison and Arapahoe	J. L. Dodge, Orleans,	"
Wilsonville and Lebanon	R. L. Pickett; J. H. Hendren, supply, Wilsonville,	"
Holbrook, Earl and Farnam	Florence McNees, Celia Ryden, supplies, Earl,	"
Curtis and Stockville	David Reck, Curtis,	"
Wellfleet and Rain	A. Easton, A. W. Easton, supplies, Cambridge,	"
Denmark Mission	A. L. Seavey, Denmark,	"

G. W. Johnston, conference missionary, Cambridge, Nebraska.

Central City District—George Vogt, District Elder, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Central City, Marquette and Giltner	R. F. Johnston, Central City, J. H. Anderson, Marquette,	Nebraska "
Belgrade and Albion	J. H. Brittain; C. Vogt, supply, Belgrade,	"
St. Paul and Concrete	A. F. Smith, supply, St. Paul,	"
Pleasant View and Horace	B. B. Orr; Lizzie T. Orr, supply, Horace,	"
Burwell	C. H. Sawyer, A. A. Devor, Burwell,	"

George Vogt, member of Central City district quarterly conference.

Ansley District—George Vogt, District Elder.

Ansley and Elk Creek	J. K. Lydic, Ansley,	Nebraska
Ravenna and Clear Creek	To be supplied	
Comstock, Dry Valley and Sargent	B. F. Closson, Comstock,	"
New Helena and Merna	W. I. Farnham, Merna,	"
Lemley and Tryon	P. Jensen, supply, Lemley,	"
Gandy and Whittier	G. E. Bennett, Gandy,	"
North Platte	To be supplied	
Alliance Mission	A. R. Baxter, Alliance,	"

LOCAL PREACHERS

*W. R. Todd	Orleans, Nebraska	*Charles Wheeler	Belgrade, Nebraska
†D. E. Dodge	Orleans, "	†H. R. Lucore	Hastings, "
†M. V. Hawk	Ansley, "	†C. Hauxwell	Indianola, "
†A. Easton	Cambridge, "	†A. F. Smith	St. Paul, "
†Samuel F. Smith	Edison, "	†A. L. Seavey	Denmark, "
W. R. Mattox	Central City, "	Charles Vogt	Belgrade, "
Joseph Beetem	Central City, "	Peter Jensen	Lemley, "
J. M. Paris	Hastings, "	E. M. Letner	Bladen, "
A. W. Easton	Cambridge, "	T. H. Hendren	Earl, "
V. A. Bagley	Arapahoe, "	Earnest Keasling	Orleans, "
George W. Booker	Edison, "	A. Hodson	Horace, "
L. D. Clevenger	Erickson, "	H. H. Lovette	Orleans, "
D. D. Burwell	Hastings, Nebraska		

EVANGELISTS

Rachel G. Ghormley	Orleans, Nebraska	Rosetta Eckberg	Orleans, Nebraska
Etta Johnston	Cambridge, "	Olive Foe	Cowles, "
Sarah B. Bennett	Huxley, "	Mary M. Paris	Hastings, "
Alice M. Elison	Orleans, "	Lizzie T. Orr	Horace, "
Florence Elison	Ansley, "	Anna Northrup	Orleans, "
Laura Tinker	Cambridge, "	Rebecca Debord	Huxley, "
Florence McNees	Earl, "	Eliza Raish	Cooleyton, "
Celia Ryden	Earl, "	Mary Cuddy	Ravenna, "
Lela Hendren	Earl, "	Nettie Robertson	Bridgeport, "
Pearl Bell	Wilsonville, "	Christina Capellen	Hazzard, "
Daisy D. Pickett	Oxford, "	Louisa Johnston	Orleans, "
Carrie Clark	Erickson, "	Zora Clevenger	Erickson, "
Rose Clark Dodge	Orleans, Nebraska		

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We recognize the fact that the press is one of the most potent factors of modern civilization. The invention of the printing press occurred at the dawn of this era of enlightenment, and marked the waning of the "dark ages."

As a church, instituted to maintain the "Bible standard of Christianity," and a people raised up to "spread scriptural holiness over the land," we must have pure holiness literature to circulate in connection with our work; not only to present our issues and teach the principles and ethics of our holy religion, but also to counteract the evil influence of the cheap, trashy, pernicious literature with which our land is filled.

We rejoice, and render thanks unto God, that he has enabled us, as a church, to establish and maintain our own publishing house, with its ample facilities to supply our people with all books and periodicals necessary to our edification, proper instruction, and thorough equipment for the work of the Master.

Our preachers should see that the *Free Methodist* is found in every Free Methodist home, and as many others as possible; also, a copy of the Discipline, a Metrical Tune Book, and The Evils, Causes and Cure of Divisions. We are glad that our most excellent Sabbath school literature is used by our Sabbath schools throughout the conference.

The other excellent books and periodicals supplied by S. K. J. Chesbro and W. B. Rose, our esteemed publishing agents, are too numerous to mention; but we would give all our preachers the disciplinary advice, "See that your members are well supplied with good books;" and observe the requirement to "Purchase and distribute tracts."

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The past conference year has been a good year in most respects. Several camp-meetings were held, and most of the circuits were favored with small revivals. While some pastors have done all in their power to build up their circuits, others were too much occupied with temporal things to do their duty. As a result we have not seen the success God intended us to see. Our minutes will show an encouraging increase in membership on some circuits and districts, and quite a serious loss in others. However, we find a net gain

*Elder. †Deacon.

of fourteen—nine probations and five in full connection. Also, there has been an increase in the amount raised for pastoral support, and we note a higher degree of spirituality and a healthy growth in grace.

There are some things we need to observe in order to greater success and prosperity in the work of God.

1. Our preachers need to be "entirely devoted to their work" that they may give themselves wholly to it, be faithful in pastoral visiting, and diligent in spreading the work into new fields.

2. The laity need to be more generally and more deeply consecrated to the service of God, so as to furnish our preachers an adequate support, and be more faithful in attendance at our regular services, camp-meetings and quarterly gatherings.

3. And, finally, all our people—preachers and lay members—need to keep clear of evil speaking, vain conversation, taking up a reproach against their neighbors, or mixing up in worldly or questionable undertakings. Let all measure their lives by the excellent report on "Reforms" adopted by this conference.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-school, as one of the auxiliaries of the church, is one of the most potent factors for the spread of righteousness that we have, and this being the case, our preachers should be diligent in organizing and encouraging the Sabbath-school work.

It should be the object of the Sabbath-school to set clearly before the children the doctrinal, experimental and practical truths of our holy religion. We should remember the solemn charge God gave to Israel, "And thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest in the way, and when thou risest up, and when thou liest down."

This scripture brings us to another important consideration, viz: Sabbath-school literature. We call attention to the literature supplied by our publishing house; the most wholesome on the market. For depth and clearness it cannot be excelled. And, a careful study of the lesson helps will produce most excellent results.

Some of our preachers report "No Sabbath-school" on their circuits. Our Discipline requires our preachers to organize Sabbath-schools wherever ten children can be found. It also provides for mission schools where no others can be sustained.

The hearty cooperation of pastor and officers is essential to the success of the Sabbath-school. To this end we recommend the study and practice of ¶ 143, § 5, of the Discipline.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

Reforms must be founded on the word of God; and the agent through which reform is effected must be unselfish, heroic and God-fearing.

Reformers are in the minority and are never correctly understood and appreciated by all. To be true reformers we must consent to be misunderstood and opposed by sinful and selfish men. We must bid farewell to their smiles and applause. We must stand on God's immutable truth, with hands clean from every bribe, ears closed to every uncertain sound, and our loins girt about with truth. In short, we must be men of God, and have only his fear in view.

The Liquor Traffic.—We regard the legalized liquor traffic as the greatest curse and shame of our civilization. It stands at the head of all other evil and corrupting agencies that make for the ruin of the life and happiness of the individual, and the corruption of national life. As a corrupting agency in modern politics it has no equal. Voice and vote should go hand in hand. The vote however, determines the political value; so let us not compromise truth by voting with either of the old parties as long as they stand on their present respective platforms. The Prohibition party is the only party pledged to this end. Join the Prohibition party, vote as you pray, help down this monster, so that you will have honor of God and man.

Sabbath Desecration.—We rejoice that we have one day in seven for rest and worship. We disapprove of our people engaging themselves so that the commands of God respecting the Sabbath will be infringed upon. We disapprove of Sabbath-visiting, reading secular papers, blacking shoes, shaving, letter-writing, train-riding; or anything that would destroy the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Secretism.—We heartily endorse the action of the late general conference respecting the labor union and secret societies.

Worldliness.—We protest against any tendency to ornament the attire and thus avoid the reproach of being entirely plain in the dress. We sometimes see ornamental buttons, pins, pictures, badges, gold-rimmed spectacles, ruffles, tucks, ribbon bows, neckties or

other ornaments on person or on their children; which things tend to worldliness. Let our pattern be that of the New Testament order. Our work is to hold up the Bible standard by precept and example.

Evil Speaking.—The devil is using this process to bring in division. It divides and corrupts the work of God, and we pray for a radical reform on these lines, and deliverance from the tongue of which James says "it is set on fire of hell." As a preventive we offer Prov. 26: 20, which reads, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer the strife ceaseth."

Amusements.—Modern amusements are also a great means of demoralization. The social influence of the fairs, Fourth of July celebrations and baseball games are in themselves degrading; the character and conversation there associated must necessarily contaminate character. We as a church profess to be delivered from the world and the love of it. The inspired apostle wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

Public Worship.—We are aware of the lack on the part of some of our people in attending the quarterly and district meetings. Many of our official members feel under no obligations to be at these gatherings. As we forget our duties we will forget God and drift into formality and spiritual deadness. Again, we deplore the present condition of things relating to the main officers of the church who assume little or no responsibility in the performance of their duty. This exists more especially among some class-leaders and stewards. We urge the enforcement of Discipline on these lines. With a little more urging on prohibition, and holding up the standard respecting secretism, keeping to the central point of truth on the dress question bridling our tongue, attending strictly to our religious duties, keeping filled with the Holy Ghost, we will be accompanied with a greater outpouring of the Spirit of God, and we will hear the sound of an abundance of rain in all of our borders.

V.—ON EDUCATION.

It has been suggested that in the process of development, the world passes through three stages: 1. The era of brute force. 2. The era of intellectual domination. 3. The period of spiritual supremacy. Also, that the present is the age of intellectual dominion.

Whatever we may think of this opinion, no one will doubt the mighty impulse given to learning by the discovery of the art of printing and kindred inventions. In the future the world is to be educated to an extent impossible of comprehension by our fathers. The present foreshadows the future, and calls loudly for fitness to grasp its opportunities.

We believe that, under God, the Free Methodist church has a future before her. Her faith is pure, her ministry tested, her membership loyal. Profiting by the experience of sister churches she should be able to avoid the evils of formalism on the one hand, and fanaticism on the other. Early in her history her leaders realized the necessity for the training of the children of Free Methodist parents. Many young people converted at her altars lost grace and in turn were lost to the church and God, through attendance at worldly institutions of learning. In the process of time, seven seminaries and a college have been founded to provide positively spiritual surroundings during the formative period of life. Generally speaking, the product of these schools has justified the sacrifice necessary to their establishment and maintenance.

In the providence of God one of these schools is located within the bounds of our conference. The child of many prayers, Orleans Seminary, calls for the hearty support of our people, and of all who desire to provide for the salvation and usefulness of their children. As a conference we feel the deepest interest in our seminary. We are pleased to learn of the success of the last year, and desire to pledge ourselves to sustain the institution in faith and finance. We would earnestly recommend that our people everywhere, as far as possible, arrange to place their children here as students.

We note with satisfaction that a meeting in the interests of Christian education has been held during this present session of conference. This was ably addressed by our brother, Prof. D. S. Warner, of Chicago, and cash and five year subscriptions were secured to the amount of $321.50.

Furthermore, we extend a hearty welcome to Prof. A. J. Damon, who comes to us as principal of the seminary for the coming year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, CENTRAL CITY AND ANSLEY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ORLEANS DISTRICT	K. Thomas, District Elder																	
Orleans	Otto Zimmerman	92	21	113	5	6	1	19	120	25	$ 29 23	$ 14 22	$ 31 60	$ 11 85	$ 7 90	$ 12 64	$ 41 00	$245 12
Alma and Bloomington	S. S. Cameron	22	5	27	..	..	1	6	20	5	9 62	.....	10 40	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	5 00
Hastings and Blue Hill	David Reck	12	..	12	3	1	..	..	..	4	4 07	1 98	4 40	1 65	1 10	1 76	7 25	24 70
Minden and Axtell	G. W. Woogerd	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	2 59	1 26	3 20	1 05	70	1 12	.....	15 98
Atlanta and Ragan	Rosetta Eckberg, supply	5	..	5	..	1	1	7	15	2	2 96	1 44	3 20	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Oxford and Bertrand	Daisy Pickett, supply	9	1	10	..	1	1	5	20	2	2 96	1 44	3 20	1 20	80	1 28	13 00	11 50
Precept and Beaver City	J. K. Lydic	11	1	12	..	..	1	4	25	4	4 81	.....	5 20	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT	K. Thomas, District Elder																	
Cambridge and Bartley	G. W. Johnston	35	1	36	2	1	2	12	50	13	11 10	5 40	12 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	6 00	5 00
Edison and Arapahoe	J. L. Dodge	31	3	34	3	..	1	7	48	5	10 73	5 22	11 60	4 35	2 90	4 64	15 00	20 00
Wilsonville and Lebanon	R. L. Pickett	12	3	15	1	1	2	9	45	8	4 07	1 98	4 40	1 65	1 10	1 76	4 00	.....
Holbrook, Earl and Farnam	Florence McNees, Celia Ryden supplies	28	..	28	1	3	2	9	40	6	8 88	4 32	9 60	3 60	2 40	3 84	10 00	.....
Curtis and Stockville	A. W. Easton, supply	14	1	15	2	..	1	5	15	....	2 96	1 44	3 20	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Wellfleet and Strickland	Arthur Devor	9	..	9	..	..	..	....	..	2	4 81	2 34	5 20	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT	Geo. Vogt, District Elder																	
Central City and Marquett	B. B. Orr, Lizzie Orr, supply	23	2	25	1	1	1	5	15	9	7 77	3 78	8 40	3 15	2 10	3 36	.....	.....
Giltner and Doniphan	J. H. Anderson	8	..	8	..	..	..	....	....	3	4 07	1 98	4 40	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	.....
Belgrade and Christian Ridge	G. W. Tinker	17	..	17	1	..	1	5	28	4	7 77	3 78	8 40	3 15	2 10	3 36	50	14 00
Albion and St. Edwards	Chas. Vogt, supply	7	..	7	1	..	..	....	....	1	3 33	.....	.....	1 35	.....	1 44	.....	.....
St. Paul and Concrete	A. F. Smith, supply	10	..	10	1	..	2	8	21	4	4 81	2 34	5 20	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	9 50
Pleasant View and Horace	Laura Tinker, supply	18	1	19	2	3	2	10	30	3	6 29	1 40	6 80	2 55	1 70	2 72	2 81	10 50
Burwell	C. H. Sawyer	3	8	11	..	..	1	5	25	5	1 11	54	1 20	45	30	48	.....	.....
ANSLEY DISTRICT	George Vogt, District Elder																	
Ansley, Elk Creek, and Westerville	C. H. Foe	23	..	23	1	1	1	5	20	5	10 36	5 04	58	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	....
Clear Creek and Litchfield	Sarah Bennett, supply	6	..	6	..	2	1	4	20	2	3 33	....	21	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
Ravenna and Kearney	G. E. Bennett	12	..	12	..	2	1	6	20	2	3 70	1 80	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 60	10 32	....
Comstock, Dry Valley and Sargent	B. F. Closson	19	..	19	1	1	1	6	25	4	7 03	.....	.....	2 85	57	.....	.....	.....
New Helena and Merna	W. I. Farnham	4	2	6	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 85	83	.....	75	50	80	.....	.....
Lemly and Gandy	Peter Jensen, supply	8	..	8	1	..	1	5	10	3	2 96	1 44	3 20	1 20	80	..	1 60	.....
North Platte and Hershey	W. E. Preston, supply	10	..	10	..	..	..	....	....	2	3 33	.....	1 86	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
Collection at conference		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	17 03	.....	.....	2 23	8 48	.....	58 02
Otherwise collected		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 68
Total		455	49	504	26	25	25	142	612	128	$ 166 50	$ 81 00	$ 151 45	$ 67 50	$ 45 00	$ 72 00	$ 117 48	$453 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Orleans	$ 5 54	$ 6 56	$ 46 87	$ 3 95	$ 443 86	$ 84 84	$ 35 35				
Alma and Bloomington	....	.....	10 00	1 50	288 82	41 96	25 00	1	$ 300	1	$ 800
Hastings and Blue Hill	.....	....	.....	55	190 00	32 85	.....		25	..	.....
Minden and Axtell	.....	....	.....	35	30 45	31 25	.....	1	1500	..	.
Atlanta and Kagan	.....	....	2 86	40	61 21	30 00	1 79	1	900	..	.....
Oxford and Bertrand	.....	..	7 65	40	150 00	35 00	1 85	1	1200	..	.....
Precept and Beaver City	....	...	9 34	65	105 57	32 00	8 00	1	800	..	.....
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT											
Cambridge and Bartley	....	....	23 74	1 50	377 00	43 43	11 40	2	2500	1	1000
Edison and Arapahoe	4 00	.....	35 15	1 45	356 00	42 50	16 75	1	1100	..	...
Wilsonville and Lebanon	....	.....	13 00	55	241 45	28 51	.... ..	..	.....	1	500
Holbrook, Earl and Farnam	....	.....	23 23	1 20	309 50	50 38	.....	..	.....	..	.... .
Curtis and Stockville	.....	.....	.....	40	44 03	31 04	150 00	..	.....	..	.....
Wellfleet and Strickland	...	.....	.....	65	70 00	21 18	.....	..	43	..	.....
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT											
Central City and Marquett	....	.....	15 00	1 05	315 36	56 21	.....	1	1500	2	1500
Giltner and Doniphan	....	...	.....	55	51 75	37 25	. ....	1	500	1	500
Belgrade and Christian Ridge	.....	70	16 40	1 05	271 66	37 36	5 06	1	1000	1	500
Albion and St. Edwards	....	....	.....	..	21 95	30 48	.....	1	800	1	800
St. Paul and Concrete	....	.....	12 00	65	186 32	22 74	.. ....	..	.....	1	800
Pleasant View and Horace	.....	..	8 66	85	103 37	32 07	2 98	..	.....	..	.....
Burwell	....	....	.....	15	62 21	22 50	.....	..	.... .	..	.....
ANSLEY DISTRICT											
Ansley, Elk Creek and Westerville	...	.....	4 00	1 40	172 10	40 70	.....	1	50	..	.....
Clear Creek and Litchfield	....	....	16 00	45	130 00	16 00	40 00	..	.....	..	.....
Ravenna and Kearney	...	....	3 25	50	54 20	30 19	.....	1	735	..	.....
Comstock, Dry Valley, Sargent	....	....	....	95	25 07	38 60	.....	1	100	..	.....
New Helena and Merna	....	.....	.....	25	100 00	23 30	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Lemly and Gandy	....	...	2 64	40	130 60	33 45	.....	..	.....	..	....
North Platte and Hershey	....	..	. ....	45	26 05	32 00	.... ..	..	.....	..	.....
Collection at conference	.....	....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Otherwise collected	.....	.....	.. ....	.....	....	... ...	.....	..	....	..	.....
Total	$ 9 54	$ 7 26	$ 249 79	$22 50	$4319 59	$ 957 79	$ 298 18	15	$ 13053	9	$ 6400

COLORADO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Denver, Colorado, August 15-19, 1906

OFFICERS

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COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, F. F. Stewart.

On the State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, Sterling Cawlfield, H. A. West.

On Publications—J. W. Marshall, Frank DuPee, O. H. Sampson.

On Reforms—G. A. Loomis, J. A. Hopper, G. M. Rowley.

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Jellison, F. F. Stewart, C. A. West.

On Education—J. I. Council, W. B. Kerby, E. N. Veal.

To Publish the Minutes—J. I. Council, F. F. Stewart.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—G. B. Lane.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Frank DuPee, J. A. Hopper.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, H. A. West, E. N. Veal.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. F. Walker. *On Sunday-schools*—Frank DuPee.

On Reforms—J. W. Marshall. *On Education*—F. F. Stewart.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Garrett, for two years; J. W. Marshall, for one year; J. A. Hopper, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. F. Walker, president; O. H. Sampson, secretary; G. M. Rowley, treasurer; F. F. Stewart, G. W. Yoder.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member, to be forwarded as soon as taken to the district elders to be applied by them where it is most needed; second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,	G. A. Loomis,	J. I. Council,	J. W. Glazier,
W. W. Jellison,	J. W. Marshall,	J. A. Hopper,	C. B. Langdon,
J. F. Walker,	Frank DuPee,	A. J. McKinney,	F. F. Stewart,
G. W. Yoder,	A. G. Galbraith,	G. B. Lane,	W. B. Kerby,
Reuben Adams.			

DELEGATES

G. M. Rowley,	Sterling Cawlfield,	Mrs. M. M. Resor,	E. N. Veal,
Martha Bryant,	H. A. West,	Mrs. O. A. West,	Lizzie Hartley,
O. H. Sampson,	Lela West,	Moses Shay.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, H. A. West, E. N. Veal.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Walker, G. W. Yoder, G. B. Lane.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? William Bunyan Kerby.

8. Who have located this year? A. J. McKinney, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Galbraith.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Reuben Adams.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. B. Langdon.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Reuben Adams, $70; Mrs. Eunice Vipond, $75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, $50.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Colorado City, Colorado, as near the middle of August, 1907, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

Northern District—J. I. Council, District Elder.

Denver	J. P. Dowd, supply, 320 South Water street, Denver, Colorado
Colorado Springs	G. I. Winans, supply, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, "
Boulder	J. M. Roberson, supply, Boulder, "
Longmont	Hattie J. Handyside, Carrie E. Harris, supplies, Longmont, "
Loveland, Berthoud and Ft. Collins	J. W. Glazier,
Colorado City	G. A. Loomis, 623 North Walnut street, Colorado Springs, "
Falcon and Brackett Creek	C. O. Bancroft, supply, Surber, "
Table Rock and Husted	To be supplied
Woodland Park and Divide	William Graining, supply, Woodland Park, "
Salt Lake City	To be supplied
Greeley and Evans	G. B. Lane, Greeley, "
Central City and Eldora	G. B. Munns, supply
Lyons and Hygiene	Archie Anderson, supply

A. J. McKinney, located at his own request, membership fixed at Colorado City, Colorado.

Southern District—J. F. Garrett, District Elder, 1780 South Washington Street, Denver, Colorado.

Pueblo	W. W. Jellison, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado

Fountain	J. W. Marshall, Fountain, Colorado
Chico and Rocky Ford	J. F. Walker, Nyburg, "
Canon City	W. B. Kerby, 719 Prospect street, Canon City, "
Wet Mountain Valley	To be supplied
Howard and Salida	J. A. Hopper, Howard, "
San Luis Valley	To be supplied
Trinidad	To be supplied
Pine River	F. F. Stewart, Bayfield, "
Durango and Hesperus	Coleman Salyer, supply
Pagosa Springs and Yellow Jacket	F. E. Carmack, supply
Delta, Crawford and Cedar Edge	Frank DuPee
Grand Junction and Fruita	G. W. Yoder, Grand Junction, "
Pear Park and Palisade	Jacob Stromb, supply
Cripple Creek	Emma H. Haviland, supply

A. G. Galbraith, supernumerary, Canon City, Colorado; Reuben Adams, superannuated, Canon City, Colorado.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch ..... Fountain, Colorado
I. H. Hightower ..... Canon City, "
Mrs. M. M. Resor .....
Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, Longmont, "
Mrs. Mary Porter ..... Lake City, "
Levi DeBush ..... Crawford, "
Miss Jessie Cline ..... R. F. D. 3, Grand Junction, Colorado.
Mrs. Jennie Glenn ..... Bayfield, Colorado
E. A. Lathrop ..... Denver, "
Mrs. Lizzie Hartley ..... Denver, "
Mrs. Minnie F. Bancroft, Surber, "
B. L. Calhoun ..... R. F. D. 2, Rocky Ford, Colorado.
Mrs. Alma Miller .....
Mrs. Lina West ..... Pueblo, Colorado
J. E. Outland .....
A. J. McKinney ..... Colorado City, Colorado
Nels Magnuson ..... Berthoud, "
Silas A. Bondurant ..... Salida, "
W. M. Swickard ..... Grand Junction, "
Mrs. Sarah Duhig ..... Delta, "
G. W. Staley ..... 715 North Wahsatch street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Mrs. Catharine Worrall ..... Bayfield, Colorado
James W. Greeno ..... Denver, "
Mrs. Lizzie D. Stewart ..... Bayfield, "
W. M. Reed ..... Colorado Springs, "
Mrs. A. E. Jellison ..... 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado.
Mrs. Hattie E. Williams .....
Mrs. Lela West ..... Pueblo, Colorado
J. T. Strowse ..... R. F. D. 3, Grand Junction, Colorado

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first session of the Colorado conference was held in the district tabernacle which was put up on the corner of South Clark street and West Third avenue, Denver, Colorado, August 15-19, 1906.

There was harmony throughout, and the work of the conference was done in the time of four sittings. General Superintendent Jones presided in his usual able manner, and gave a stirring address to the conference at the close of each of the morning sittings; he preached several very able sermons. His visit to us has been a blessing, and we hope to have him with us many times in the future.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the opening service of the session. The attendance was good, and the conference, including quite a number of visitors, was well entertained, which called forth a hearty vote of thanks to pastor, pilgrims and friends.

The following brethren were introduced and invited to honorary seats in the conference: Rev. W. G. McVey, of the Wabash conference; Rev. C. H. Miller, of the Pittsburg conference; Rev. A. J. Damon, principal of the Orleans Seminary; Rev. F. M. Fish, of the Illinois conference; Rev. W. F. Cook, of the West Kansas conference; and Rev. J. W. Huston, pastor of the Fifth Avenue M. E. church of this city.

The following ministers preached during the conference: B. R. Jones, W. G. McVey, A. J. Damon and J. F. Walker.

Hattie J. Handyside preached the missionary sermon on Sunday afternoon, at which a collection of $51.65 in cash, and subscriptions to the amount of $137.60 was taken. On Sunday morning a collection of $102.43 was taken for the preachers. A collection was taken on Friday and Sunday evenings for expenses, which amounted to $29.28; a collection of $4.40 was taken for the secretaries. Rev. A. J. Damon presented the needs of the Orleans Seminary which was liberally responded to but the secretary failed to get the amount received

or subscribed. Rev. W. G. McVey, the genial special agent of our publishing house, sold about $166 worth of books.

Rev. J. W. Glazier was elected ministerial delegate and Rev. J. F. Garrett, reserve ministerial delegate to the next session of our general conference, and G. M. Rowley was elected lay delegate, and H. A. West was elected reserve lay delegate to the same.

At the close of the love feast Sunday morning, William Bunyan Kerby was ordained elder.

At the close of the Sunday evening sermon by Superintendent Jones a number of persons came to the altar and obtained help of the Lord. Thus closed one of our best sessions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $52.20.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $62.64.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $128.76.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $17.40.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $34.80.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $55.68.
Foreign Missions.—$146.12.
Educational Fund.—$16.75.
Children's Fund.—$8.93.
Conference Missions.—Paid, $88.25.
For Publishing the Minutes.—$20.45.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$874.59.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

First of all we feel grateful to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for his continued mercies, and that he still permits us to bear some humble part in the salvation of our fellow men.

The conference year just closed has been fraught with its usual trials and conflicts incident to the work of the Lord, as well as the joys and triumphs of those who obediently follow the Master in the royal way of the cross.

The preachers, with few exceptions, have stayed on their circuits and labored faithfully during the year. God has in a measure, at least, blessed and rewarded their labors, some souls have been saved and believers sanctified. On several of the circuits the membership has been increased.

Two camp-meetings have been held, one on each district, and much of the presence and power of the Lord was manifested at these meetings. A goodly number were reclaimed from a backslidden state; sinners were converted and believers sanctified wholly, and the church quickened and encouraged to press the battle, even unto the gates of the enemy, against sin and worldliness in all of its forms. Rev. H. O. Hubbard, of the Illinois conference, kindly accepted an invitation given him, and accompanied by his wife, was present at the camp-meeting on the Northern district, held at Denver, and was abundant in labors both in the pulpit and at the altar services. Their work was much appreciated by our own people and others also. Rev. N. B. Ghormley, ex-principal of the Orleans Seminary, was also present for a day or two and rendered efficient help. He had the privilege of presenting the interest of the Orleans school and the cause of education in general. He also spent several days at the Canon City camp-meeting on the Southern district, preaching with ability and power, and was a great blessing to the work, and at this place held a public meeting in the interest of education and the Orleans Seminary.

There is need of a greater effort on the part of both preachers and people in planning and arranging to attend these general gatherings. Greater success no doubt would result from our labors if we would make it more a matter of conscience in getting to our district quarterly meetings and camp-meetings.

God still manifests himself to his people by the way of the altar of sacrifice. Temporal blessings have followed with the spiritual where our preachers have devoted themselves to the work of the Lord, their needs being supplied in keeping with the command and promise to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." The Northern district has purchased a new tabernacle at a cost of $155.

At Colorado City they are planning to build a new church, and have on hand several hundred dollars in cash and good reliable subscriptions. The society at Longmont also have planned to build a church and parsonage. The church property at Salt Lake City, Utah, has been relieved of a financial embarrassment and has been improved by having a cement sidewalk laid and the building repainted. A neat three room parsonage has been

built at Grand Junction. The balance due on the sale of a part of the church lot at Pueblo has been collected and applied on the parsonage debt at that place.

We are very much in need of more men and women, wholly consecrated to the work of God, and Spirit baptized to go out in the needy fields already white for the harvest in order that they may gather fruit unto life eternal.

Let us pray much for each other and the work in general, and that the Lord may send forth many more laborers into his vineyard.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

The sometimes repeated sentiment, speaking on the line of education, "What was good enough for father, is good enough for son," will not meet the demands of this age; and the Free Methodist church in order to effectually fill the mission for which it was organized, namely, to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land, should not be behind in educating the rising generation to carry on this paramount issue and to fill the churches and various avenues of mart and trade with well equipped holy men and women. This can best be done by heeding the scriptural admonition, "Train up a child in the way he should go," by giving him the best possible mental, physical and spiritual education; and such an education is absolutely necessary for us to be at our best for God. As our beloved General Superintendent B. R. Jones expresses it, "Ignorance was never the mother of devotion," and it certainly is no aid to spirituality, and in these days of sharp competition it is a shame to neglect the proper education of our children.

We note with pleasure the increased patronage given our Greenville College and the seminaries in other conferences, and we recommend that we as a people give these noble Christian institutions our hearty support by our prayers, our means and our influence, and that the ministry will exert their influence to a greater degree for the support of these schools and especially the Orleans Seminary located in our sister conference and of which you have just had a report from its able principal, Rev. A. J. Damon.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Churcl. Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Denver	....	....	$ 107 65	$ 3 45	$ 730 40	$ 110 00	$ 8 40	1	$ 1500	1	900
Colorado Springs	...	...	42 54	2 30	603 00	80 80	.....	1	2000	1	800
Boulder	....		31 00	1 65	522 91	52 01	11 81	1	2500	..	.....
Longmont and Lyons	...	$ 1 65	31 43	75	237 90	31 58	15 66	..	.....	..	.....
Loveland, Berthoud and Ft. Collins	.....	.....	....	25	380 90	30 00	6 00	..	.....	..	.....
Colorado City	.....	....	45 39		300 89	32 00	.....	..	.....	..	...
Falcon and Brackett Creek	...	....	.....	20	137 53	20 10	.....	..	.....	1	50
Table Rock and Husted	.....	...	.....	..	61 59	11 30	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Woodland Park and Divide	...	.....	.....	05	118 30	12 40	...	1	250	1	50
Salt Lake City	...	.....	.....	50	..	20 00	.....	1	1200	..	.....
Greeley and Kersey	...	.....	22 62	40	317 20	27 00	33 85	..	.....	..	.....
SOUTHERN DISTRICT											
Pueblo	$16 00	3 25	35 66	1 00	400 38	50 00	17 71	1	1400	1	1000
Fountain	.....	1 53	27 49	1 10	500 00	60 00	12 35	1	1800	1	1000
Chico and Rocky Ford	....	.....	.....	20	88 00	38 61	.....	..	.....	1	100
Canon City	.	.....	32 00	1 55	449 80	60 34	20 00	1	1000	1	800
Wet Mountain Valley	...	.....	.....	30	.....	26 57	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Howard and Salida	75	50	25 27	1 25	425 36	60 08	22 66	1	1000	1	500
San Luis Valley	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	30 75	.....	..	.....	..	...
Trinidad	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	43 40	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Pine River		....	72 47	65	159 65	28 22	.....	1	650	1	350
Durango, Hesperus, Hay Gulch	..		.....	10	48 05	28 70	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Delta, Crawford, Grand Junction	2 00	2 00	11 92	1 20	308 29	105 13	16 35		.....	1	600
Total	$18 75	$ 8 93	$ 425 44	$17 10	$5790 15	$1111 16	$ 164 79	10	$ 13300	11	$ 6150

Received from General Missionary Board, $50.00, for elders.

Received from camp meeting and other sources, $102.17, for elders.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
NORTHERN DISTRICT	J. I. Council, District Elder																	
Denver	F. F. Stewart	78	13	91	2	2	1	14	100	20	$ 25 53	$ 12 42	$ 17 25	$ 10 35	$ 6 90	$ 11 04	$ 9 07	$261 02
Colorado Springs	A. J. McKinney *	37	4	41	2	..	1	7	35	6	17 02	8 28	11 50	6 90	4 60	7 36	.....	83 49
Boulder	C. H. Miller, supply	33	2	35	..	1	1	9	40	6	12 21	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	5 28	.....	60 25
Longmont and Lyons	Hattie J. Handyside, supply	14	7	21	..	2	1	6	35	3	5 75	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	2 40	7 22	39 94
Loveland, Berthoud and Ft. Collins	J. W. Glazier	11	3	14	1	1	..	..	....	8	1 25	90	1 25	75	75	50	.....	61 65
Colorado City	G. A. Loomis	12	10	22	..	1	1	9	72	3	4 81	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	2 08	102 55	26 00
Falcon and Brackett Creek	C. O. Bancroft, supply	7	..	7	..	1	..	..	....	4	1 50	72	1 00	60	40	64	41	.....
Table Rock and Husted	J. F. Walker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodland Park and Divide	William Graining, supply	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	....	..	37	18	25	15	10	16	2 00	.....
Salt Lake City	To be supplied	3	2	5	..	..	..	..	....	..	3 70	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	.....
Greeley and Kersey	G. B. Lane	9	..	9	..	..	1	8	25	3	2 93	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 28	.....	10 00
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	J. F. Garrett, District Elder																	
Pueblo	W. W. Jellison	26	7	33	..	6	1	9	40	7	7 40	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	1 25	119 85
Fountain	J. W. Marshall	24	1	25	1	..	1	9	66	3	8 14	3 96	5 50	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	33 31
Chico and Rocky Ford	E. R. Polhelmus, supply	6	4	10	1	..	..	..	....	6	1 48	72	1 00	60	30	64	.....	.....
Canon City	W. B. Kerby	30	1	31	1	..	1	8	45	4	11 48	5 58	7 25	4 65	3 10	4 96	11 52	.....
Wet Mountain Valley	To be supplied	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	....	2	2 22	1 08	1 50	90	60	96	.....	.....
Howard and Salida	J. A. Hopper	20	..	20	1	1	1	6	62	8	9 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	4 00	1 20	.....
San Luis Valley	To be supplied	6	..	6	1	..	..	..	....	1	1 48	72	1 00	60	40	64	.....	.....
Trinidad	To be supplied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine River	G. W. Yoder	12	..	12	2	2	1	3	14	5	2 96	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	1 12	.....	.....
Durango, Hesperus and Hay Gulch	F. E. Carmack, supply	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	....	1	74	36	50	30	20	32	.....	.....
Delta, Crawford and Grand Junction	Frank DuPee	27	1	28	3	2	1	5	24	7	8 88	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	3 84	11 00	.....
Total		361	55	416	15	19	12	93	558	98	$ 129 13	$ 63 90	$ 88 25	$ 52 25	$ 35 65	$ 55 54	$ 146 22	$695 51

*A. J. McKinney resigned his charge the latter part of April.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Second Annual Session, held at Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa, April 10-15, 1906

OFFICERS

J. P. BRODHEAD, *President.* JULES RYFF, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—J. P. Brodhead, J. W. Haley, Andrew Zondi.
On Education—Jules Ryff, F. Grace Allen, Masala Nyaose.
On Sunday-schools—Margaret A. Nickel, Carroll Smith, Simoni Temba.
On Reforms—Carroll Smith, Jules Ryff, Masala Nyaose.
On Conference Claims—A. E. Haley, Lucy A. Hartman, Andrew Zondi.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. E. Haley.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of Work—J. P. Brodhead. *On Education*—Jules Ryff.
On Sunday-schools—Carroll Smith. *On Reforms*—Lucy A. Hartman.
On Conference Claims—Margaret A. Nickel.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. P. Brodhead, A. E. Haley, Jules Ryff, J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith.

ACTING MISSIONARY MEMBERS

Lucy A. Hartman, F. Grace Allen, Margaret A. Nickel.

NATIVE DELEGATES

Simoni Tembe, Mpolosa Mqadi, John Ogle, Masala Nyaose, Andrew Zondi.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. P. Brodhead, J. W. Haley, Lucy A. Hartman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. A. Backenstoe.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? A. E. Haley.

7-13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-19. See statistics of foreign missions.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Itemba, South Africa, the time to be decided upon by the superintendent and the secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

This second session of the conference was remarkable for its unity and spiritual uplift. While the daily papers were filled with details of native rebellion against the government, the natives in the chapel were pledging themselves to loyalty to God, the government and the church, even though they had had to suffer the loss of their cattle to atone for the misdoings of the rebellious ones under their chief.

Seven sittings were held. Brother Brodhead presided to the satisfaction of all; and the business was transacted with a unity of mind and spirit that was encouraging to behold.

The missionaries were all present, coming from four different colonies. All who were not members of the conference were given honorary relations, as also the white workers, the native evangelists and their wives. Brother and Sister Eyster, visiting missionaries from Johannesburg, Mrs. Pearce of Germiston, and Mr. Skorpen from North Shepstone, were introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat.

The appointments were received as from the Lord, and the missionaries resolved to do their best for God the coming year, to which they were especially inspired by the presence of the Holy Ghost in all the services of the Sabbath.

APPOINTMENTS

Coast District—J. P. Brodhead, District Elder.

Fair View Mission Station, Natal .....Anna S. Brodhead; Lillie A. Agnew, associate
The Girls' Home School.....F. Grace Allen; Nellie A. Reed, associate
Fair View Farm..... W. S. Woods

Evangelists: Alfred Joyce, John Ogle, Thomas Mqadi.

Inland District—J. P. Brodhead, District Elder.

Itemba Mission Station, Natal..... .....Lucy A. Hartman
Itemba School.....Margaret A. Nickel

Native evangelists: Mvakwendhlu Cele, Maciyana Ugati, Mpolosa Mqadi.

Edwaleni Mission Station, Natal..... ..... { A. A. Miller, Anna Miller, supplies / Gunhild Spilhaug, associate

Native evangelists: Andrew Zondi, Paul Cele.

Greenville Mission Station, Pondoland..... { Carroll Smith; Rosa H. Smith, associate / Hans Porter, teacher of manual training

Native evangelists: Masala Nyaose, Johannes Kumalo, Enoch Zondi.

Ibisi Mission Station. East Griqualand.....A. E. Haley; W. Caldwell, associate

Native evangelist: Julius Pahla.

Johannesburg District—J. P. Brodhead, District Elder.

Umusa Mission Station, Germiston, Transvaal..... .....
.....Jules Ryff; Lilla E. Ryff, Ole Kragerud, associates

Native evangelists: Isaiah Masekwane; one to be supplied.

Inhambane District—J. P. Brodhead, District Elder.

Roberts' Memorial Mission, Portugese East Africa.. ....J. W. Haley; Jennie Haley, associate; W. A. Backenstoe, M. D., medical missionary; Mary S. Backenstoe, associate

Native evangelists: Charlie Jose, Philip Mbati, Elias Damau, Levi Cassimo, Paul Kumbana, July Tsambo, Tom Hayes, Antonio Cassimo, MaZinandi, Thomas Nkumbi, Mateu Mahoshani, Thomas Magaza, Joseph Ganyana, Paul Matabele, James Maluleka, Peter Magubeni, Matu Gumani.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Session, held at Coldwater, Michigan, August 29-September 1, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*
L. H. MULHOLLAND, *Secretary.* F. L. BAKER, *Assistant Secretary.*
W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. C. Muffitt, P. E. Vincent, J. R. Poet.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—R. L. Scamehorn.
On Education—D. J. Van Antwerp, B. J. Vincent, Mary M. U. Gage.
On Publications—C. W. Lyman, L. N. Cottrell, J. B. Reed.
On Sabbath-schools—C. E. Edinger, S. B. Smith, L. E. Chase.
On Reforms—L. H. Mulholland, C. W. Miller, R. J. McFate.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—George Laubach, A. Bradfield.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, P. E. Vincent, W. C. Muffitt, C. L. Osgood, R. J. McFate.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary—C. W. Miller, C. L. Osgood.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

P. E. Vincent, time expires 1909; W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1908; George Laubach, time expires 1907.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. Bradfield, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; R. J. McFate, treasurer; L. H. Mulholland, C. L. Osgood.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—B. J. Vincent. *On Publications*—C. E. Edinger.
On Sunday-schools—D. J. VanAntwerp. *On Reforms*—L. N. Cottrell.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

G. H. Peters, president; G. W. C. Smith, secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

G. H. Peters, G. W. C. Smith, B. R. Jones, F. P. Russell, L. H. Mulholland, L. N. Cottrell, W. C. Muffitt, H. D. F. Gaffin, I. Mudge, W. B. Olmstead, D. J. VanAntwerp, W. S. Mulholland, S. W. Stone, L. G. Lewis, A. Bradfield.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Total amount for all collections $1. Twenty-five cents per quarter to be sent W. C. Muffitt, conference treasurer, and he to send claims in order as instructed by general treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,	G. W. C. Smith,
B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,	L. H. Mulholland,	J. Baker,
R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,	C. D. Paige,	G. H. Peters,
F. L. Baker,	George Laubach,	J. N. Boyer,	W. S. Mulholland,
D. J. Van Antwerp,	D. S. Warner,	A. T. Shumway,	W. C. Muffitt,
J. R. Poet,	A. V. Leonardson,	L. N. Cottrell,	C. E. Edinger,
S. B. Smith,	William Rennie,	B. J. Vincent,	S. A. McGee,
J. G. Fortress,	S. W. Stone,	A. E. Day.	

DELEGATES

Eliza Ball,	Marinda Chapman	J. B. Reed,	Walter Haynes,
L. E. Chase,	Charles East,	William Hall,	Jessie Cottrell,
M. U. Gage,	R. J. McFate,	William Smith,	Elizabeth Smith,
W. W. Clark,	L. L. Warner,	George W. Hale,	William Kenworthy,
C. L. Osgood,	James Linn,	Emily J. Dunnington,	Alfred Miller,
Lizzie Stowell.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, W. C. Muffitt, P. E Vincent, C. L. Osgood, R. J. McFate.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? James G. Anderson.

4. Who remain on trial? J. Will.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. E. Day.

6. Who are the deacons? S. B. Smith, D. J. Van Antwerp, A. T. Shumway, J. R. Poet.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. H. Peters, S. A. McGee, A. T. Shumway, C. D. Paige, J. N. Boyer.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. Sawyer, A. Bradfield, A. V. Leonardson, G. W. C. Smith.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? S. W. Stone, from the East Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. W. Lyman.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? H. Sawyer, $110; A. Bradfield, $150; G. W. C. Smith, $100; A. V. Leonardson, $150; Mrs. Jennie Tiffany, $25.

22. See statistical report.

23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left to be fixed by the district elders; the time as near the last Wednesday in August, 1907, as will be consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-second annual session of the Michigan conference was held in the new Free Methodist church at Coldwater, Michigan, which is a model of neatness, convenience and durability.

Wilson T. Hogue, general superintendent, presided at the conference. Five sittings were held—one Wednesday, one Thursday, one Friday and two on Saturday.

During the session the following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: L. G. Lewis of the Ohio conference; W. H. Carpenter of the M. E. church at Mosherville, Michigan; D. D. Marston of the North Indiana conference; F. A. Chapman of the First M. E. church of Coldwater, Michigan.

Owing to the labors of J. R. Poet and the hospitality of the Coldwater pilgrims and friends the conference was royally entertained.

The appointments were generally well received.

The stationing committee recommended that the General Mission Board appropriate $25 to the Hudson circuit and $25 to the Coldwater and Bethel circuit, which action the conference approved. The church extension board of the conference recommended that the Board of Church Extension grant the society at Coldwater the sum of $350 to fully clear the church building from debt, which action was endorsed by the conference.

Delegates to the general conference: Ministerial—D S. Warner, W. C. Muffitt; reserve, P. E. Vincent. Lay—C. L. Osgood, M. U. Gage; reserve, E. J. Manning.

A. Bradfield, P. E. Vincent and A. V. Leonardson were made a committee to collect data of a historical nature relative to the conference.

B. R. Jones, W. C. Muffitt, F. L. Baker, William Kenworthy and George D. Pretty were appointed a committee to see to the incorporating of the conference.

The amount of $829 in cash and subscription was raised, after General Superintendent Hogue's sermon on Sunday morning to pay in part the debt on the church in Coldwater.

B. Winget and Miss F. Grace Allen held a missionary meeting on the Sabbath in which $102 was given in cash and subscriptions for the foreign work.

A collection of $3.08 was taken for the treasurer and secretaries of the conference.

An offering of $27.65 was taken Sabbath evening for the pastor, J. R. Poet.

James G. Anderson and Albert E. Day were ordained deacons.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported $520.73 raised during the year.

Raised to publish minutes, $22.10.

APPOINTMENTS

Spring Arbor District—W. C. Muffitt, District Elder.

Spring Arbor, Parma and Eckford ..... S. W. Stone
Jackson ..... L. G. Lewis, supply

B. R. Jones, general superintendent, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan; D. S. Warner, principal of A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, New York; B. J. Vincent, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; A. V. Leonardson, superannuated, Owosso, Michigan; G. H. Peters, supernumerary, Spring Arbor, Michigan. W. C. Muffit, member of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.

Detroit District—W. C. Muffitt, District Elder.

Detroit ..... D. J. Van Antwerp
Wayne and Ypsilanti ..... James G. Anderson
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill ..... S. B. Smith
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter ..... To be supplied
Milan, Oakville and East Church ..... C. W. Miller
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford ..... James G. Fortress
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville and Tecumseh ..... C. E. Edinger; one to be supplied
Adrian and Madison ..... L. H. Mulholland
Jasper and Senica ..... To be supplied

H. Sawyer, superannuated, R. F. D. 4, Milan, Michigan.

Kalamazoo District—P. E. Vincent, District Elder.

Kalamazoo ..... F. L. Baker
Battle Creek ..... R. L. Scamehorn
South Haven ..... J. Baker
Decatur and Keeler ..... To be supplied
Pipestone, Bainbridge and Royalton ..... To be supplied
Coloma, Watervliet and Fish schoolhouse ..... John Will

A. Bradfield, G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; S. A. McGee, supernumerary, Vermontville, Michigan.

Coldwater District—P. E. Vincent, District Elder.

Coldwater, Bethel and Sherwood.....W. S. Mulholland
South Quincy and Algansee.....J. R. Poet
Frontier, Ransom and Hillsdale.....L. N. Cottrell; D. Meeks, supply

A. T. Shumway, R. F. D. Montgomery, Michigan, C. D. Paige, South Quincy, Michigan, J. N. Boyer, supernumerary.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Josephine Holden.....Quincy, Michigan
Mrs. Mary Osmun.....Coldwater, "
Mrs. Marion Rennie.....

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Lewis E. Chase.....Jackson, Michigan
James Linn.....Holloway, "
A. L. Dewey.....Addison, "
Bernard Boon.....Detroit, "
William McKay....Spring Arbor, Michigan
L. L. Warner.....Adrian, "
Goldsmith Dean.....Hudson, "
E. J. Manning.....Kalamazoo, "
James G. Anderson.....Ypsilanti, Michigan

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Missions Fund.—Amount paid, $124.38.
Disbursed by treasurer before conference, $48.25; appropriated to C. W. Miller, $13; W. S. Mulholland, $13; F. P. Russell, $13; R. L. Scamehorn, $20; J. Fortress, $6; G. W. Smith, $6; A. E. Day, $5.13. Total, $124.38.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned, $137.25.
Paid, $132.80; deficiency $4 45.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $91.50.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $338.55.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $164.70.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned, $45.75.
Paid, $41.25; deficiency, $4.50.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Apportioned and paid, $146.40.
To Publish the Minutes.—$22.45.
Foreign Missions.—$274.45.
Educational Fund.—$9.20.
Children's Fund.—$18.62.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$366.91.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Daniel Webster says, "Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term education." The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives are to be instilled and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education. We believe in the importance of Christian education. As the carpenter and the mechanic can do better work with sharp tools, so we believe the minister and Christian worker who studies to show himself approved unto God, can do the most effective work for the Master.

We note with gratitude the interest which is being taken by our people along educational lines. This is evidenced by the increased attendance at our seminary. May God continue to bless and prosper our schools and may we as a church have more of the Holy Ghost with which comes the enduement of power; more of that wisdom which makes us wise unto salvation, and enables us to win souls for God.

We call especial attention to Spring Arbor Seminary and urge our people as far as possible to place their children there where they will be instructed along spiritual lines and where great care will be taken to develop Christian character.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The future prosperity of the church, as far as human agency is concerned, depends on the rising generation; hence the great importance of training the minds of the youth of to-day, so as to draw them toward God and his cause. We have heard that it was said by a prophet, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." By these statements in the word of God, we must come to the conclusion, that, with the increase of years in sin, the mind becomes more and more estranged from God, until the person, being so absorbed with other things, that the thought of a Savior is entirely crowded out.

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God. God is not in all his thoughts," or as the marginal reading says, "All his thoughts are, There is no God."

How much sin and misery might have been eliminated from the world, how many lives might have been saved to be a blessing to the world and the church, eternity only can reveal.

The Sabbath-school is one of the factors God is using in these last days, to turn the youth from the error of his way. Here the child of wicked parents first hears of God. Here he first comprehends the idea that he must give an account to God for his own misdemeanors, and that there is a way of escape, a fountain open to the house of David for sin and uncleanness, and that there is a Savior that can make the crooked straight, the filthy wholesome, the sorrowful glad, the wicked man righteous, the discontented one happy. The work of the Sunday-school is by no means a trivial one. The Sunday-school worker should enter upon his duties with the idea that God will hold him responsible for what he says and how he says it.

We believe the object of the Sunday-school is not only to train and fill the mind with Bible truth, but the prime object is the salvation of the children. The pastor should feel deeply the injunction of him that spake never as man spake. He said, "Feed my lambs." He also said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain." "Save the children of to-day and you save the nation of to-morrow," is a wise saying, and should be remembered by every Sunday-school worker and pastor. "Where anything is growing, the former is worth a thousand reformers." Parents, superintendents and teachers should unite in this grand work; for one wise man said, "United we stand, divided we fall." Shall we sit down on the stool of do nothing, and let the world get our children? Shall they be lost to the church and heaven? We must listen to the voice of Peter, as it sounds down along the line of ages, "The promise is to you and to your children." Still farther back we hear the voice of the prophet Isaiah, "I will pour my Spirit on thy seed; and my blessing on thy offspring."

Parents, we want to urge you to claim the promise for your children. Dedicate them to God in baptism while young. Hand them over to some consecrated band of Sunday-school workers; go with them to the school; take hold and work yourself, and the children will follow your example.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

While reformation is not always accompanied by salvation, salvation is ever accompanied by reformation. Without doubt, the greatest need for reform in our land, is in relation to the traffic in intoxicating liquors. That this traffic is the most demoralizing evil that curses our country is conceded by all good citizens. We believe the only adequate remedy for this monster wrong to be absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. The Prohibition party is the leading anti-liquor organization, and the only political party that declares for national prohibition of the traffic, and should have the support of our voters, yet we think our people should be ready to co-operate with any and all others who have for their object the overthrow of the saloon.

As a church, we stand for certain other needed reforms, such as abstinence from the use of tobacco. In some respects this vice is as bad as drunkenness. The tobacco user is usually quite indifferent to others' rights and comfort, and not only defiles himself, but the air that must be inhaled by others, and, by his vile expectoration, pollutes the walk upon which others must pass. A true follower of Jesus is cleansing himself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and does not defile his body, which was intended to be the temple of the Holy Ghost. Let us continue to insist on having a clean church, as far as this vice is concerned.

We are satisfied that our position as a church, on secret societies is the only safe and right one, viz., that of strict anti-secrecy. All organized secrecy is more or less unchristian and often anti-Christian. The spirit of secrecy is selfish, sometimes cruel and tyrannical. Let us enforce our Discipline and exclude from our church membership all secret society adherents from the Free Mason to the trade-unionist.

Commercial and financial prosperity is sweeping over our nation like a flood. As many as are its blessings, yet it has its perils. It has begotten great extravagance and luxury in

many things, especially in dress. We should beware lest we be enticed away from our original simplicity and plainness in this regard. If we have more money let us invest more in the cause of God. Our home and foreign missions and schools should feel the benefit of these prosperous times. Every department of our work should take on new life and energy and be abundantly furnished with financial aid to push it forward. Our ministers should also be supported with increasing liberality. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of thy increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst out with new wine."

We deeply deplore the almost universal desecration of the Lord's day. Sunday has become a weekly holiday in the United States. The Sunday newspapers, excursions, ball games and resorts have about completed the work of destroying the sanctity of the day, and depopulating the churches. No Free Methodist should be guilty of patronizing any of these God-defying institutions, and should never, except in cases of extreme necessity, use the cars on Sunday.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT											
Spring Arbor, Parma, Eckford	$ 2 45		$ 74 31	$ 4 55	$ 531 75	$ 71 40		1	$ 200	1	$ 1500
Jackson	2 00		34 03	1 55	680 76	44 10		1	2000	1	1500
Hudson				95	420 00	30 65	$ 9 18	1	800	1	800
DETROIT DISTRICT											
Detroit and Delray			60 00	4 25	1007 00	80 00	35 79	1	4000	1	2500
Wayne and Ypsilanti					417 52	63 65	5 00				
New Boston, Texas, Sand Hill	1 00		6 50	80	273 81	48 85	47 65	2	1750	1	450
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter			10 00	1 75	315 00	34 00	2 25	2	1200	1	400
Milan and Oakville			33 40	3 85	452 42	51 68	35 00	3	2500	1	1000
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford			38 00	1 45	465 69	61 70	6 48	3	2500	1	1000
Blissfield, Town Line, Petersburg				70				3	2700	1	700
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsv'le, etc.		2 62			363 68	38 80	15 00	4	3500	1	500
Adrian and Madison			35 00	2 90	669 00	66 41		2	2000	1	1500
Jasper			9 05	70	117 60	30 56	2 00	1	800	1	800
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT											
Kalamazoo	2 00	2 15	106 37	1 70	703 21	71 15	28 37	1	2000	1	500
Battle Creek	1 75	13 85	42 18	2 05	594 33	63 33	11 24	1	3500		
South Haven			30 00	2 50	481 00	41 67		1	1200	1	1300
Lawrence and Hartford			3 00	1 00	71 87	24 50		2	2000	1	1000
Decatur and Keeler			8 54	65	161 71	48 59	33 34	2	1800		
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse, etc			30 00	2 45	329 18	62 00		2	2000	1	950
Bainbridge and Pipestone								2	1200		
Benton Harbor and Royalton											
COLDWATER DISTRICT											
Coldwater, S. Quincy, Bethel, etc			62 97	4 00	560 00	80 17	5 00	4	5800	1	500
Frontier and Ransom				2 10	368 88	51 71	15 00	2	2000	1	1000
Sherwood, Colon and Union City			13 93	2 00	510 25	44 76	18 37	2	2000	1	600
Hillsdale			15 00	1 00	172 12	28 66	8 25	1	2500		
Total	$ 9 20	$18 62	$ 612 28	$41 25	$9686 78	$1138 34	$ 277 92	44	$ 49950	19	$18500

Raised for tracts, Kalamazoo, $5.00; Coldwater, $3.00; New Boston, $ .75; Jackson, $1.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, KALAMAZOO AND COLDWATER DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																	
Spring Arbor, Parma and Eckford	S. W. Stone, supply	91	17	108	4	1	1	12	80	24	$ 33 67	$ 16 38	$ 13 65	$ 13 65	$ 9 10	$ 14 56	.....	$ 70 80
Jackson	L. G. Lewis, supply	35	9	44	2	..	1	10	66	12	11 47	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	4 96	$ 13 48	7 35
Hudson	George Laubach	18	...	18	1	..	..	....	....	5	7 03	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	.....
DETROIT DISTRICT	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																	
Detroit and Delray	J. Baker	103	14	117	1	..	2	12	60	....	31 45	15 30	12 75	12 75	8 50	13 60	57 00	85 66
Wayne and Ypsilanti	J. Anderson, supply	23	8	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill	S. B. Smith	19	4	23	....	..	1	7	25	7	5 92	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 56	2 00	.....
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter	J. G. Fortress	29	...	29	1	..	1	5	30	6	12 95	6 30	4 09	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	.....
Milan and Oakville	R. L. Scamehorn	78	11	89	....	..	3	10	65	9	28 49	13 86	11 55	11 55	7 70	12 32	.....	.....
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford	W. S. Mulholland	29	...	29	1	..	1	15	57	10	10 73	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	4 64	8 50	29 80
Blissfield, Town Line and Petersburg	.....	10	..	10	....	....	....	....	....	3	5 18	2 52	28	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville, Prair'e	C. E. Edinger	43	2	45	2	1	1	8	30	10	12 95	6 30	.....	4 10	2 00	5 60	.....	.....
Adrian and Madison	L. H. Mulholland	57	2	59	3	1	1	6	40	15	21 46	10 44	8 70	8 70	5 80	9 28	9 50	18 00
Jasper	Golden Dean, supply	16	1	17	....	..	1	2	20	3	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT	P. E. Vincent, District Elder																	
Kalamazoo	F. L. Baker	45	9	54	1	..	1	10	80	11	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	119 05	67 70
Battle Creek	D. J. Van Antwerp	52	10	62	....	..	1	14	70	6	15 17	7 38	6 15	6 15	4 10	6 56	17 88	58 15
South Haven	C. W. Lyman	44	6	50	..	1	1	8	70	6	18 50	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	8 00	6 75	7 80
Lawrence and Hartford	* F. P. Russell	17	1	18	1	..	1	4	20	3	7 04	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	.....	.....
Decatur and Keeler	Roy Waterman, supply	17	2	19	2	..	1	5	26	3	4 81	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse, Hagar	Wm. Rennie	44	5	49	1	1	2	10	65	12	18 13	8 82	7 35	7 35	4 90	7 84	37 49	.....
Bainbridge and Pipestone	J. Sumrill	11	1	12	....	....	....	....	....	5	4 07	1 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benton Harbor and Royalton	W. H. Parker, supply	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 33	1 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
COLDWATER DISTRICT	P. E. Vincent, District Elder																	
Coldwater, S. Quincy, Bethel, Algansee	J. R. Poet	82	5	87	1	2	4	18	125	14	29 60	14 40	12 00	12 00	8 00	12 80	.....	20 00
Frontier and Ransom	L. N. Cottrell	40	.	40	2	..	..	....	....	6	15 54	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	6 72	.....	.....
Sherwood, Colon and Union City	C. W. Miller	41	5	46	....	..	1	8	30	10	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	1 80	.....
Hillsdale	J. Will	19	1	20	....	..	1	4	35	3	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	1 00	1 55
Total		963	113	1076	23	7	26	168	994	183	$ 338 55	$ 164 70	$ 124 38	$ 132 80	$ 91 50	$146 40	$ 274 45	$366 91

*Resigned circuit supplied by Philip S. Stevens and G. W. C. Smith.

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-seventh Annual Session, held at Solomon, Kansas, August 29-September 2, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

E. C. LINDLEY, *Secretary.* D. A. WOODWORTH, *Assistant Secretary.*

E. E. WITCHEY, *Statistical Secretary.* G. I. WINANS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, G. I. Winans, F. A. Root.

On the State of the Work—The district elders; W. W. Harris, chairman.

On Education—C. L. Fike, William Buchanan, C. L. Manning.

On Reforms—F. A. Root, J. S. Dixon, N. S. Surface.

On Publications—E. R. Ford, E. R. Williams, A. Neil.

On Sunday-schools—G. I. Winans, E. E. Witchey, J. W. Norris.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. A. Chaney, A. E. Faley, C. C. Cox.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. F. Childs.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Resolutions—W. W. Stewart.

TRUSTEES OF KANSAS CONFERENCE

S. F. Wilson, W. W. Harris, A. L. Crumley, A. Neil, W. W. Stewart.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. L. Crumley, president; G. I. Winans, secretary; J. A. Manning, A. E. Staley, J. S. Jones.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Harris, for five years; S. F. Wilson, president, for four years; J. W. Norris, secretary, for three years; J. A. Manning, for two years; F. A. Root, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Home Missions, (10 cents) and Foreign Missions.

RAILROAD SECRETARY

A. L. Crumley.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. V. Green,
S. F. Wilson,
J. W. Norris,
F. A. Root,
William Buchanan,
E. G. Cooper,
E. C. Lindley,
R. C. Myers.
D. M. Poor,
M. F. Childs,
J. G. Bignall,
A. Seibert,
J. A. Manning,
J. A. Chaney,
Robert Ralls,
Walter Scott,
G. I. Winans,
A. S. Ford,
W. W. Harris,
A. L. Crumley,
E. R. Ford,
G. B. Clark,
G. G. Pritchard,
A. Neil,
J. L. Phillippi,
C. L. Fike,
W. S. Place,
C. L. Manning,
C. C. Cox,

DELEGATES

Ira Cox,	L. C. Cookson,	George Palmer,	J. E. Hulet,
N. S. Surface,	Aaron Harnley,	J. S. Dixon,	J. R. Barron,
M. Kibler,	N. W. Hamilton,	R. T. Littler,	Albert Schad,
Chauncey Redway,	Jessie Spain,	John Horrell,	A. E. Staley,
J. S. Marcellus,	E. R. Williams,	D. A. Woodworth,	J. S. Jones,
Mary Carter,	M. D. Whitney,	Katie Moore,	E. E. Witchey,
W. W. Stewart,	John Brady,	A. Criss,	A. H. Faley,
Mrs. S. V. Robinson,	Isom Lindley,	W. F. Garrison,	H. J. Whitney,
B. R. Howarter,	S. P. C. Hastings,	Harry Shirley,	Margaret Musick,
J. L. Evinger.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, G. I. Winans, J. A. Manning, S. F. Wilson, W. W. Harris, W. W. Stewart, J. S. Jones, J. S. Dixon, N. S. Surface.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? D. A. Heck, P. J. Postlewait, J. N. Sheets, Robert Sherwood.

4. Who remain on trial? C. N. Root, H. M. Brandt, H. S. Dye, G. R. Guy J. E. Wade, F. E. Bonham, E. T. Layne.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. C. Myers.

6. Who are the deacons? J. G. Bignall, A. S. Ford, W. S. Place, J. A Chaney, E. R. Ford, C. L. Manning, E. C. Lindley, *R. C. Myers.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Robert B. Ralls.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? S. V. Green, D. M. Poor, G. G. Pritchard, E. G. Cooper.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? G. W. Saunders.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? M. F. Childs, A. S. Ford.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. V. Green, $45; G. G. Pritchard, $100; Mrs. L. A. Watson, $150; children of I. N. Watson, $24; Mrs. Lizzie Scott, $100; children of Fred Scott, $54; children of J. W. Buckner, $24; children of J. H. Robbins, $24.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ottawa, Kansas, as near the twenty-fifth of August, 1907, as is convenient with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Kansas annual conference held its thirty-seventh session at Solomon, Kansas, August 29-September 2, 1906.

General Superintendent Burton R. Jones presided with grace and efficiency and satisfaction to all.

*Ordained this year.

Rev. A. J. Damon, principal of the Orleans Seminary, was with us in the interest of the seminary. He raised over $200 for the school.

Rev. W. G. McVey of the Wabash conference was with us as the representative of the publishing house. The Kansas conference showed its appreciation of him by purchasing over $375 worth of books.

Kansas elected general conference delegates this year: The ministerial, W. W. Harris and J. A. Manning; the reserve ministerial, S. F. Wilson and M. F. Childs. The lay delegates are J. S. Jones and W. W. Stewart; the reserve lay delegates are N. S. Surface and M. D. Whitney.

Mrs. Clara L. Childs was elected by the W. F. M. S. to represent it at the general conference of the missionary society.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered to the officers of the conference and the pastor and brethren of Solomon.

APPOINTMENTS

Clay Center District—Walter Scott, District Elder, Junction City, Kansas.

Clay Center.....Robert Sherwood, Clay Center, Kansas
Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye.....E. T. Layne, Washington, "
Barrett, Antioch and Frankfort.....C. H. Southworth, supply, Barrett, "
Manhattan and Wamego.....G. I. Winans, Manhattan, "
Alma.....John Fridley, supply, Alma, "
Junction City.....D. A. Heck; Fannie Heck, supply

M. F. Childs, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer. Walter Scott, member Clay Center district quarterly conference.

Solomon District—Walter Scott, District Elder.

Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....F. A. Root, Solomon, Kansas
Minneapolis, Concord and Pawnee Gap.....R. C. Myers, Minneapolis, "
Chapel Hill, Dry Creek and Salina.....William Buchanan, Salina, "
Industry, Jeffcoat and Green Ridge.....J. A. Chaney, Talmage, R. 1, "
Oak Hill and Storm Center.....A. Siebert, Oak Hill, "

C. N. Root, left without appointment to attend school.

Emporia District—W. W. Harris, District Elder, Ottawa, Kansas.

Emporia.....J. L. Phillippi, Emporia, Kansas
Union and Americus.....W. S. Place, Reading, R. F. D., "
Neosho Rapids and Hartford.....C. C. Cox, Neosho Rapids, "
Plymouth and Booth schoolhouse.....Mark Whitney, Jennie Whitney, supplies, Melvern, "
Climax and Utopia.....E. C. Lindley, Climax, "

Iola District—W. W. Harris, District Elder.

Iola.....E. R. Ford, 422 Ohio street, Iola, Kansas
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse.....P. J. Postlewait, Bronson, "
Girard.....J. R. Barron, supply, Girard, "
Pittsburg Mission.....To be supplied
Altamont, Parsons and Montana.....J. N. Sheets, Altamont, "

W. W. Harris, member Iola district quarterly conference. A. S. Ford, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer; S. V. Green, G. G. Pritchard, superannuated.

Wichita District—J. A. Manning, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Wichita Mission.....S. C. Lyman, supply, Wichita, Kansas
Rose Hill.....Mary Hubbard, supply, Arkansas City, "
Winfield.....C. L. Manning, Winfield, "
Arkansas City.....J. W. Norris, Arkansas City, "
Caldwell and Doster.....H. M. Brandt, Caldwell, "

J. A. Manning, member Wichita district quarterly conference. A. L. Crumley, evangelist; D. M. Poor, E. G. Cooper, superannuated.

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Marion District—J. A. Manning, District Elder.

Marion and District No. 22.... Florence Jolly, Martha Thomas, supplies, Marion, Kansas
McPherson and Canton ..... To be supplied
Lookout and Marquette ..... G. R. Guy
Walton ..... To be supplied
Matfield Green and Jackson schoolhouse.... G. D. Smith, supply, Matfield Green, "

Lawrence District—S. F. Wilson, District Elder, R. 1, Ottawa, Kansas.

Lawrence ..... C. L. Fike, Lawrence, Kansas
Kansas City ..... H. S. Dye, 2715 North Fremont street, Kansas City, "
Kansas City Mission ..... J. A. Holtsclaw, supply, Kansas City, "
Topeka ..... F. E. Bonham, 1106 Lime street, Topeka, "
Leavenworth Mission ..... W. L. Coy, J. L. Evenger, supplies, Leavenworth, "
Meridan ..... To be supplied

Ottawa District—S. F. Wilson, District Elder.

Ottawa ..... R. B. Ralls, Ottawa, Kansas
Harmony and Old Union ..... A. Neil, Baldwin, "
Vassar and Michigan Valley ..... J. E. Wade, Vassar, R. 1, "
Agricola and Glenwood ..... J. G. Bignall, Agricola, "
Sac Creek and Ransomville ..... H. J. Whitney, supply, Williamsburg, "
Greeley and Indianapolis ..... C. B. Clark, Greeley, "
Scranton and Osage City ..... H. D. Kelly, supply, Scranton, "

S. F. Wilson, member Ottawa district quarterly conference. J. B. Walrafen, discontinued at his request, membership placed at Harmony.

ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

L. J. Brock ..... Parsons, Kansas
W. E. Hutf ..... Solomon, "
J. S. Pigman ..... Neosho Rapids, "
H. D. Kelley ..... Scranton, "
M. M. Root ..... Salina, "
George Palmer ..... Leavenworth, "
Amos Avery ..... Suton, "
John Mitchell ..... Edna, Kansas
T. M. Hardy ..... Abilene, "
N. W. Hamilton ..... Burlington, "
N. S. Surface ..... Lyndon, "
C. N. Joyner ..... Manhattan, "
M. Sutton ..... Oak Mills, "
R. T. Littler ..... Clay Center, "

LICENSED LOCAL PREACHERS

W. W. Welman ..... Winfield, Kansas
J. W. Baker ..... Winfield, "
R. F. Sealey ..... Ottawa, "
G. W. Parkman ..... Emporia, "
G. M. Duvall ..... Liberty, "
John Bœttcher ..... Melvern, "
Arthur Howard ..... Greenville, Illinois
R. C. Herington ..... Trimble, Missouri
H. R. K. Miller ..... Moran, Kansas
J. W. Myer ..... Winfield, Kansas
John Walrafen ..... Eudora, "
W. W. Stewart ..... Oak Hill, "
Charles McElfresh ..... Emporia, "
A. B. Wilson ..... Oswego, "
L. C. Cookson ..... R. F. D., Wakefield, "
H. J. Whitney ..... Williamsburg, "
A. J. Marrs ..... Elsmore, "
O. Douby ..... Williamsburg, "
J. E. Hulet ..... 825 Sanford avenue, Kansas City, Kansas

EVANGELISTS

Miss Ettie Chilson ..... Alma, Kansas
Mrs. Clara Childs ..... Junction City, "
Mrs. Alberta Bonham ..... Topepa, "
Charles Dobson ..... Solomon, "
Miss Lillie Southworth ..... Barrett, "
Ada Hubbard ..... Emporia, "
Fannie Lyman ..... Wichita, "
Mrs. R. B. Peddicord ..... Williamsburg, Kansas.
Mabel Sherwood ..... Clay Center, Kansas
Mrs. Nellie M. Winans ..... Manhattan, Kansas
Mrs. M. E. Fear ..... Clay Center, "
Miss Florence Jolly ..... Marion, "
Mrs. W. W. Harris ..... Ottawa, "
Mrs. Ida Shires ..... Olivet, "
Eunice Cowgill ..... Emporia, "
T. C. Rich ..... Wichita, "
Mrs. Katie Ralls ..... 733 North Oak street, Ottawa, Kansas.
Martha Thomas ..... Marion, Kansas
Mrs. R. E. Hedges ..... Kansas City, Kansas

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed, $345.95.
Receipts, $320.48; deficit, $25.47.
General Superintendents' Claim.—Assessed, $168.30.
Receipts, $153.67; deficit, $14.63.
Church Extension.—Assessed, $93.50.
Receipts, $88.72; deficit, $4.78.
General Missions.—Assessed, $140.25.
Receipts, $130.10; deficit, $10.15.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed, $149.60.
Receipts, $138.12; deficit, $11.48.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed, $46.76.
Receipts, $43.92; deficit, $2.84.
Children's Fund.—$15.39.
Educational Fund.—$8.61.
Foreign Missions.—$50.49.
Conference Missions.—$79.51.
For Publishing the Minutes.—$28.35.
Total receipts, $1057.35. Total deficit, $65.92.
This deficit was met by public collection.

II.—ON REFORMS.

While our main issue as a church is "Holiness unto the Lord," we believe that to stand by this issue involves the defense of everything that makes for the putting down of evil and the uplifting of humanity. Therefore, while salvation is our battle cry we will endeavor as far as possible, by pressing the great reform issues, to put temptation away from before the eyes of the unsaved perchance they will turn their eyes toward Jesus and be saved. We believe that we are greatly in need of reform on the line of family government. We are living in an age when children are "disobedient to parents." This is alarmingly prevalent throughout the entire country. Parents are largely responsible. Children are never conquered hence never controlled and the result is that they soon become the "bosses" in the home. We as a church are suffering greatly as a result of this. Our unsaved children by their wickedness are putting us to shame and reproach.

The Marriage Relation.—No relation in life should be held so sacred as the marriage relation, but we are sorry to say that our fair land is made to stink on account of the moral corruptions existing relative to this question. Adultery has become a common sin which goes as free of legal punishment as though it were a virtue. Men can leave their wives and elope with the wife of another, stay away awhile then come back, be elected to office and help lay corner stones under the auspices of the Masonic order, for prominent churches and be considered as gentlemen in general. Such things actually exist. Shame on us! Is it not time to arouse to a more aggressive fight against this awful curse? Shall we not as preachers aim hard and well-directed blows at the monster?

Irreverence for Things Holy.—We as gospel ministers and workers in God's vineyard are confronted on every hand by terrible "icebergs" of irreverence and disrespect for God's word and things that are of God. Profanity, sneering remarks about the Bible, Sabbath desecration and kindred sins are practised by fathers before their children and as a result we have a great army of young people who are irreverent unbelievers, profane and even blasphemous. Their hearts are hard, their minds poisoned and only the mighty power of God will ever awaken them. These conditions have been brought about by those who have endeavored to soften the word of God; they have cried, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Let us rally around the old book of God and press its claims upon the hearts of men.

Sabbath Desecration.—The Sabbath as a day of rest is ignored to an alarming extent. It is constantly violated by the running of trains, base ball, foot ball, theater, milk wagons, ice wagons, and by family visitation and many other God dishonoring methods. Let every preacher speak and give no uncertain sound against this great evil. We as Free Methodists believe the word of God when it says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The Drink Habit.—It is the curse of the land. Three-fourths of the crime of our land is traceable to the saloon. Millions of money that might be used for legitimate trade is tied up in this soul-destroying business. It curses God, defames heaven, destroys the family, creates high taxes, fills our jails, penitentiaries, asylums and poor houses. It is a blight-

ng curse to our land, a black spot in our economics, and a destroyer of soul and body. Therefore

Resolved, That we as a church will by our prayers, our ballots, and by every legitimate means do all we can to destroy this monster and drive him to his native hell.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

This is a day and age when great advantages are afforded us in the line of literature. We should lay great stress upon the importance of placing within the reach of our people such literature as will encourage them in the way of purity, growth in grace, and usefulness in life.

We are glad to know that the Free Methodist church has a publishing house which is not only competent, but one that furnishes reading that is pure and wholesome.

As individual character is largely moulded by what one reads, too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of surrounding ourselves with literature of this class.

We should conscientiously guard all literature that enters our home. Our children should be carefully provided with pure, entertaining and instructive reading, and parents should endeavor to cultivate in the child a taste for the same.

The Free Methodist church is to be congratulated on having a paper that is so clean and pure as the *Free Methodist*, laden from cover to cover each week with good solid truth. No Free Methodist is fully equipped without its weekly visits. We are greatly pleased with our Sunday-school literature, considering it the best in the land.

We would urge our people to read the *Missionary Tidings*. It will arouse a greater zeal for the missionary cause.

We would also recommend the *Olive Branch*, the *Lighthouse Messenger* and the *Life Line* as publications that contain valuable information along their particular line.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Whereas the religion of the Bible brings and always has brought with it a desire for knowledge, and we as a people feel that God in his wisdom has willed that thus it should be, we, the members of the Kansas conference, insist that it is the duty of every parent to give his children an education.

But considering the low type of morals in many of the schools of the present age, we recommend that our people as far as possible patronize our schools, where the morals and spiritual needs will be taken into consideration, and our children will be brought under such spiritual influence as will be conducive to their salvation.

To attain to a Christian education, we would recommend to our people for contemplation Orleans Seminary and Greenville College because this seminary and college are nearer our borders.

The course of study provided for our preachers is a useful and necessary educational means and should be carefully, prayerfully, and systematically pursued by our preachers who have as yet moved slowly in this direction.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT											
Clay Center	....	.....	$ 9 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	$ 900	1	$ 400
Washington, Hawkeye, etc	....	.....	24 88	$ 1 25	$ 216 74	$ 38 88	$ 12 00	1	1600	1	500
Barrett and Antioch	....	.....	15 00	1 95	300 00	45 00	66 15	..	.....	1	500
Manhattan	.....	$ 1 08	26 34	75	348 08	38 56	39 10	1	1600	..	.....
Alma, Volen and McFarland	...	.....	2 61	45	202 00	20 59	15 00	..	.....	1	1200
Junction City	$ 66	55	23 27	1 35	361 71	47 01	.....	1	800	1	1000
SOLOMON DISTRICT											
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse	.....	3 71	38 82	2 15	550 00	47 81	7 50	1	1300	1	600
Minneapolis, Concord Center, etc	....	....	19 50	2 00	350 00	50 07	.....	2	2000	..	.....
Chapel Hill, Dry Creek, Salina	...	.....	9 00	90	346 56	38 99	20 00	..	.....	1	250
Industry, Jeffcoat, Moonlight	50	1 00	3 75	95	229 88	40 00	.....	..	.....	1	600
Oak Hill and Storm Center	....	2 22	32 10	1 10	430 60	53 68	54 17	..	.....	1	600
EMPORIA DISTRICT											
Emporia	....	1 81	51 00	3 80	384 77	60 00	.....	1	1000	1	800
Neosho Rapids	...	.....	....	60	43 00	16 57	.....	1	700	1	200
Union and Americus	50	1 50	9 50	1 30	235 00	31 50	.....	..	.....	1	600
Hartford, Otter schoolhouse, etc	....	.....	.....	.....	101 44	20 00	19 90	..	.....	..	.....
Plymouth and Booth	1 67	5 00	24 59	85	150 00	36 78	64 00	1	1200	..	.....
Climax, Utopia, Star schoolhouse	....	.....	18 25	1 45	273 46	41 50	.....	1	1000	..	.....
IOLA DISTRICT											
Iola	.....	.....	29 75	1 75	351 70	46 11	16 00	1	1200	1	800
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse	.....	.....	.....	40	212 10	20 43	15 77	.....	.....	1	600
Girard, Weir City, Farlington	....	.....	3 00	50	56 12	19 10	7 00	1	400	..	.....
Pittsburg Mission	.....	.....	44 00	....	300 00	34 42	16 00	1	1300	..	.....
Altamont, Parsons and Montana	85	.....	3 85	65	182 78	32 68	1 65	..	.....	1	600
WICHITA DISTRICT											
Wichita	.....	.....	19 42	85	395 70	43 62	40 00	1	1800	..	.....
Rose Hill and Latham	.....	.....	3 90	60	133 27	33 11	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Winfield	.....	.....	44 27	1 30	334 75	48 50	13 66	1	1500	1	500
Arkansas City	.....	1 00	22 97	1 45	225 11	53 27	.....	1	1200	1	400
Caldwell and Doster	.....	.....	.....	2 10	175 77	42 26	.....	..	.....	1	500
MARION DISTRICT											
Marion and Clark schoolhouse	62	60	10 66	70	302 94	40 00	5 60	1	1000	1	700
McPherson and Canton	....	.....	.....	35	120 00	30 46	.....	1	400	1	350
Lookout	.....	.....	10 38	.....	.....	35 79	37 60	..	.....	..	.....
Newton, Walton and Peabody	.....	.....	7 30	45	103 43	18 41	2 00	..	.....	..	.....
Matfield Green, etc	.....	.....	12 00	.....	162 22	36 50	32 30	..	.....	1	600
LAWRENCE DISTRICT											
Lawrence and Fairview	....	.....	8 64	.....	130 00	36 41	38 00	1	1000	..	.....
Kansas City, Kansas	2 74	76	27 00	1 15	315 25	41 56	55 57	1	800	1	1250
Topeka	.....	3 50	25 81	1 65	444 49	41 00	34 76	1	1200	1	1100
Leavenworth Mission	.....	.....	8 25	25	231 60	26 70	1 30	..	.....	..	.....
Meriden and Rock Creek	.....	.....	10 00	10	.....	28 75	.....	..	.....	..	.....
OTTAWA DISTRICT											
Ottawa	1 00	1 03	34 75	2 25	376 09	45 84	80	1	1000	1	800
Harmony and Old Union	.....	2 14	20 00	1 55	252 00	55 45	9 08	2	1800	1	475
Michigan Valley, Scranton, etc	50	50	.....	.....	280 00	40 06	.....	1	250	..	.....
Agricola and Glenwood	.....	2 75	15 00	1 25	273 00	43 84	17 76	1	400	1	400
Ransomville and Sac Creek	.....	.....	21 00	1 10	135 00	40 99	12 96	..	.....	..	.....
Greely, Indianapolis, Paola	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 40	.....	..	.....	1	150
Raised by public collection	.....	....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 9 04	$29 15	$ 690 06	$46 75	10016 56	$1585 60	$ 655 63	27	$ 27350	27	$16475

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CLAY CENTER, SOLOMON, EMPORIA AND IOLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT																		
Clay Center	G. I. Winans	26	2	28	1	1	1	5	15	3	$ 3 60	$ 1 70	.....	$ 1 80	$ 1 17	$ 1 28	.....	.....
Washington, Hawkeye, Spring Valley	Arthur Howard	31	..	31	..	..	3	19	55	9	9 25	4 50	$ 2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	$ 9 50	$ 9 50
Barrett and Antioch	W. S. Place	40	5	45	2	..	2	19	75	6	14 42	7 02	3 90	5 85	3 90	6 24	.....	.....
Manhattan	D. A. Heck, Fanny M. Heck	21	10	31	2	2	1	7	30	9	5 55	2 27	1 50	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	21 37
Alma, Volen and McFarland	John Fridley	10	1	11	..	1	1	6	25	3	3 33	1 62	90	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
Junction City	M. F. Childs	23	5	28	2	1	1	10	55	7	9 99	4 86	.....	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	71 34
SOLOMON DISTRICT																		
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse	Frank A. Root	46	4	50	2	1	1	9	50	13	15 91	7 74	4 30	6 45	4 30	6 88	.....	103 50
Minneapolis, Concord Center, Pawnee Gap	Clay C. Cox	40	1	41	..	..	2	11	46	9	11 47	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	3 79	.....	91 35
Chapel Hill, Dry Creek and Salina	William Buchanan	19	..	19	1	..	1	5	40	5	6 66	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	6 65
Industry, Jeffcoat and Moonlight	J. A. Chaney	18	..	18	2	1	1	5	30	5	7 03	3 42	1 90	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	.....
Oak Hill and Storm Center	E. T. Lane	23	2	25	1	..	2	13	40	8	8 14	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	34 19
EMPORIA DISTRICT																		
Emporia	J. L. Phillippi	50	7	57	2	2	1	24	55	10	28 12	13 68	7 60	11 40	7 60	12 16	.....	67 94
Neosho Rapids	D. I. Noggle	13	..	13	2	..	..	.....	.....	2	4 44	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
Union and Americus	Walter Scott	25	..	25	..	..	1	5	30	5	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	7 66	.....
Hartford, Otter schoolhouse, Gridley	H. D. Kelley	1	..	11	..	2	..	.....	.....	4	4 92	2 16	.....	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
Plymouth and Booth	Ida Shires	25	20	45	1	1	2	12	100	4	6 29	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	17 3'
Climax, Utopia and Star schoolhouse	E. C. Lindley	36	10	46	1	..	1	9	37	11	10 73	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
IOLA DISTRICT																		
Iola	E. R. Ford	29	4	33	..	..	1	8	65	8	12 95	6 30	3 50	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	3 75
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse	P. J. Postlewait	7	..	7	2	..	..	.....	.....	5	2 96	1 44	.....	1 20	80	1 28	80	.....
Girard, Weir City and Farlington	J. R. Barron	9	..	9	2	1	1	4	15	1	3 70	1 80	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	.....
Pittsburg Mission	M. D. Whitney	19	1	20	1	1	1	7	45	7	6 66	3 42	55	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	.....
Altamont, Parsons and Montana	R. C. Myers	21	..	21	4	..	..	.....	.....	5	7 19	2 34	.....	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....

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WICHITA, MARION, LAWRENCE AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
WICHITA DISTRICT																		
Wichita	S. C. Lyman	29	7	86	..	2	1	4	26	4	$ 6 29	$ 3 06	$ 1 70	$ 2 55	$ 1 70	$ 2 72	.....	$ 15 79
Rose Hill and Latham	G. R. Guy	18	..	18	..	1	1	6	20	4	6 66	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	2 70	.....	27 73
Winfield	C. L. Manning	28	2	30	3	..	1	10	60	9	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	$ 5 00	17 47
Arkansas City	Geo. D. Smith	25	2	27	1	1	1	9	44	12	10 73	5 22	2 90	4 35	4 60	4 64	.....	168 64
Caldwell and Doster	H. M. Brandt	14	1	15	..	..	..	....	....	....	7 77	3 78	1 05	3 15	2 10	3 36	.....	30 68
MARION DISTRICT																		
Marion and Clark schoolhouse	J. N. Sheets	15	4	19	1	..	1	5	20	4	5 18	2 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	28 00
McPherson and Canton	A. Wegley	7	5	12	1	..	1	4	12	3	2 59	1 26	61	1 65	70	1 11	.....	.....
Lookout	Jno. Myers	11	...	11	1	..	1	4	20	2	2 59	1 26	70	1 05	70	1 12	5 00	.....
Newton, Walton and Peabody	J. G. Bignall	4	...	4	..	..	..	....	....	2	3 33	1 62	90	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
Matfield Green, Jackson schoolhouse	J. W. Norris	12	...	12	..	..	2	8	45	3	4 81	2 34	1 30	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
LAWRENCE DISTRICT																		
Lawrence and Fairview	J. L. Evinger	15	1	16	1	..	1	4	16	3	1 47	2 35	1 80	2 70	1 80	2 70	.....	.....
Kansas City, Kan	H. S. Dye	26	..	26	2	1	2	14	53	10	8 51	4 14	2 30	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	51 11
Topeka	F. E. Bonham	36	2	38	..	..	1	10	55	7	12 21	5 94	3 30	4 95	3 30	5 28	1 99	17 73
Leavenworth mission	J. A. Holtsclaw	11	2	13	4	..	1	4	24	5	1 90	90	75	50	50	75	1 00	.....
Meriden and Rock Creek	T. J. Palmer	2	1	3	..	..	1	4	25	1	76	36	20	30	20	30	.....	.....
OTTAWA DISTRICT																		
Ottawa	R. B. Ralls	30	1	31	1	2	1	8	55	13	7 77	3 78	2 10	3 25	2 10	3 36	1 00	41 40
Harmony and Old Union	A. Seibert	35	3	38	..	1	2	11	50	11	11 47	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	4 96	.....	19 86
Michigan Valley, Scranton, Vassar	C. L. Fike	14	...	14	1	3	..	....	....	6	5 92	2 88	1 00	2 55	1 70	2 72	83	4 33
Agricola, and Glenwood	A. Neil	23	2	25	..	1	1	6	40	8	9 25	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	.....	40 00
Ransomville and Sac Creek	G. B. Clark	20	1	21	2	1	4	20	100	5	4 44	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	12 56
Greely, Indianapolis and Paola	S. F. Wilson	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	....	3	1 14	54	30	45	30	45	.....	.....
Raised by public collection		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28 51	15 14	.....	10 40	5 83	11 56	.....	.....
Total		920	106	1026	46	27	47	300	1473	254	$ 345 95	$ 168 30	$ 77 86	$ 140 25	$ 93 50	$149 60	$ 32 78	$902 19

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Meadow Grove, Nebraska, August 15-19, 1906

OFFICERS

BENJAMIN WINGET, *President.*

O. L. BARNES, *Secretary.* I. C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary.*

L. M. POFF, *Statistical Secretary.* MINNIE A. BEERS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, W. W. Bruce, O. L. Barnes, H. Allgor, J. H. Williams.

On Publications—F. K. Mayne, L. M. Poff, K. W. Gillispie.

On Education—E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, Minnie A. Beers.

On Reforms—L. E. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, Sidney Mills.

On Sunday-schools—J. M. Eggers, William McElfresh, D. M. Williams.

On State of the Work—W. W. Bruce, O. L. Barnes, D. M. Williams, O. M. Hays.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. Winget, W. W. Bruce, O. L. Barnes, D. M. Williams, O. M. Hays.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Minnie A. Beers, F. K. Mayne, William McElfresh.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—T. B. Wilson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Bruce, president; O. L. Barnes, secretary; D. M. Williams, E. E. Hatfield, O. M. Hays.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. L. Barnes, president, term expires 1907; W. W. Bruce, secretary, term expires 1909; W. M. Adams, term expires 1908.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. W. Bruce, president; O. L Barnes, J. M. Eggers, F. K. Mayne, O. M. Hays.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. W. Bruce, president; E. E. Hatfield, D. M. Williams, term expires 1907.

O. L. Barnes, secretary, T. M. Wright, term expires 1909.

J. M. Eggers, William McElfresh, term expires 1908.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—E. E. Hatfield. *On Publications*—J. M. Eggers.

On Sunday-schools—L. E. Barnes. *On Reforms*—L. M. Poff.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' and Permanent Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Home Missions.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Ballenger,	Sidney Mills,	L. E. Barnes,	O. L. Barnes,
E. E. Hatfield,	J. A. Finch,	W. W. Bruce,	A. S. McClure.
F. J. Atkinson,	I. C. Grabill,	Henry Allgor,	T. W. Rutledge.
Lemore Daily,	L. M. Poff,	T. B. Wilson,	J. M. Eggers.
W. M. Adams,	C. E. Carter.		

DELEGATES

William Atkinson.	Nellie Burley,	Bessie Spence,	A. L. Berry.
R. S. Andrews,	W. B. Haven,	Emma Wells,	Minnie A. Beers,
Jerome Lathrop,	R. F. Hetrick,	K. W. Gillispie,	Phœbe Shaw,
D. M. Williams,	William McElfresh,	J. H. Williams,	W. N. Bracken,
D. T. McClure,	O. M. Hays,	F. K. Mayne.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, W. W. Bruce, O. L. Barnes, D. M. Williams, O. M. Hays.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? M. Hartsock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Charles E. Carter.

6. Who are the deacons? A. S. McClure. F. J. Atkinson, I. C. Grabill, Henry Allgor, T. W. Rutledge. L. M. Poff, T. B. Wilson, Charles E. Carter.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Lemore Daily, *A. Amspoker.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. S. McClure, H. Allgor, F. J. Atkinson, M. Hartsock.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. M. Adams, from the West Iowa conference; Charles E. Carter, on trial in the Oklahoma conference, transferred during the past year by the superintendent.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. Ballenger, I. C. Grabill.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? B. Davis.

16–20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Maggie E. Stephens, $20; one child, $36; J. A. Finch, $40; Mrs. J. B. Davis, $20.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place to be decided upon by the following committee: William McElfresh, O. L. Barnes, Henry Haden, W. W. Bruce, E. E. Hatfield. Time as near the 15th of August as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

*Local.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were four sittings of the conference. Rev. B. Winget presided with general acceptability. His address and sermons were an inspiration to all.

The conference ordered that a collection of 25 cents per member be added to the conference claims this year.

Minnie A. Beers was re-elected conference treasurer to whom all conference collections should be sent. Her address is Concord, Nebraska.

Lemore Daily and A. Amspoker were ordained elders at the close of love feast Sunday morning, and Charles E. Carter ordained deacon at the opening of the Sunday afternoon service.

Prof. N. B. Ghormley was present in the interest of the Orleans Seminary.

Prof. D. S. Warner was present, representing the publishing house.

W. W. Bruce was elected ministerial and O. L. Barnes reserve, O. M. Hays, lay and D. M. Williams, reserve, delegates to the general conference.

A blessed spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Lincoln District—O. L. Barnes, District Elder, 1512 North Twenty-ninth Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lincoln	J. M. Eggers, Lincoln, Nebraska
Yutan and Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Yutan, "
Ceresco, Mt. Carmel and Bright Star	Lemore Daily, Ceresco, "
Nebraska City and Minersville	L. M. Poff, Nebraska City, "
Tecumseh	To be supplied
Wymore	To be supplied
York	William McElfresh, Colon, "

E. E. Hatfield, conference evangelist, box 725, Lincoln, Nebraska; E. Ballenger, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the West Iowa conference. O. L. Barnes, member Lincoln district quarterly conference.

Omaha District—O. L. Barnes, District Elder.

Omaha	A. Amspoker, supply, Omaha, Nebraska
LaPlatte	To be supplied
Louisville	A. J. and Rosa Everts, supplies, Louisville, "
Blair and Elk City	Charles E. Carter, Blair, "
Fremont	H. Haden, Fremont, "

Norfolk District—W. W. Bruce, District Elder, 2942 Orchard Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Norfolk, Birch and Meadow Grove	J. W. Pulley, Pierce, Nebraska
Fairview and Clay Ridge	T. W. Rutledge; Cynthia M. Rutledge, supply, Elgin, "
Inman	To be supplied
Concord	Minnie A. Beers, supply, Concord, "

Butte District—W. W. Bruce, District Elder.

Butte	T. B. Wilson, Butte, Nebraska
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel	Homer Williams, supply, Bonesteel, South Dakota
Lynch	J. L. Riley, supply, Monowi, Nebraska
Kirkwood and South Side	To be supplied
Mabelo and Ainsworth	W. M. Adams, Ainsworth, Nebraska
Mills and Lutes schoolhouse	D. T. McClure, supply, Mills, "
Sandy and Blackbird	To be supplied

W. W. Bruce, member Butte district quarterly conference. Sidney Mills, superannuated without claim; J. A. Finch, superannuated; A. S. McClure, H. Allgor, F. J. Atkinson, M. Hartsock, supernumerary; I. C. Grabill, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the West Iowa conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*Charles Kirkland	Atkinson, Nebraska	J. V. Parks	Lincoln, Nebraska
*A. Amspoker	Omaha, "	Robert Beare	Ashland, "
*E. G. Durham	Vim, "	W. T. Burns	Elgin, "
†William McElfresh	Colon, "	E. E. Dillon	Kirkwood, "
†F. W. Quass	Yutan, "	H. A. Flesher	Omaha, "
†A. J. Houver	Wymore, "	J. A. Chamberlain	Norfolk, "
J. L. Pulley	Pierce, "	H. Haden	Fremont, "
F. M. Temper	Butte, "	J. L. Riley	Menowi, "
D. T. McClure	Mills, "	Homer Williams	Bonesteel, South Dakota
A. L. Berry	Dustin, "	J. M. Moffit	Wymore, Nebraska

EVANGELISTS

L. Foreman	Naper, Nebraska	A. J. Everts	Louisville, Nebraska
N. J. Smith	Omaha, "	H. D. Green	Dustin, "
Mrs. Maggie E. Bruce	Lincoln, "	Minnie A. Beers	Concord, "
Mrs. Carrie D. Barnes	Lincoln, "	Rosa Everts	Louisville, "
Loretta Thomas	Louisville, "	Mrs. Cyntha M. Rutledge	Elgin, "
Kathrine Buck	Omaha, "	Mrs. Margaret Allgor	Butte, "
Mrs. Hattie Kerr	Carlock, South Dakota	Mrs. M. Hartsock	Mills, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $59.40.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $71.28.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $39.60.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $146.52.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $19.80.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $63.36.
Conference Missions.—Assessed, $99.
Paid, $86.70; deficit, $12.30.
Foreign Missions.—$40.34.
Children's Fund.—$4.50.
Educational Fund.—$1.65.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Again, as a conference, we are called upon to record and mourn the death of one of our number, Rev. J. B. Davis.

Our brother was for a number of years an elder in the United Brethren church. He joined the Nebraska annual conference of the Free Methodist church at Lincoln, Nebraska, August 8, 1894.

His appointments in the conference were as follows: 1894 6, York, Nebraska; 1897, Waco, Nebraska; 1898, left without appointment; 1899-1903, supernumerary; 1903-5, superannuated without claim.

Our deceased brother was a worthy minister of the gospel of Christ. He possessed a deep and rich experience in the grace of God and was a clear exponent of the doctrine of holiness and a living testimony to the blessed experience. He departed this life at his home in York, Nebraska, November 10, 1905. His end was very triumphant. Though he suffered a lingering illness he was very patient and victorious in the Lord. When the end drew near he called the friends and neighbors to his bedside and exhorted them in the name of Jesus. Truly his home going was blessed and we are moved to exclaim with one of old, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his." Amen!

We recommend that hymn number 802 in the Free Methodist Hymn Book be sung and that the conference be led in prayer by the president. Also that a limited time be given those desiring to speak in memory of the deceased.

We extend to the bereaved wife who shared his labor and trials and companionship, and who now mourns her great loss, our sincere sympathy and prayers, and also to each member of the family.

The secretary is instructed to send a copy of this report to Sister Davis together with an account of this service.

After singing hymn number 802, and prayer by the president, appropriate remarks were made by E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, W. M. Adams and T. Thomas.

*Ordained elders. †Deacons.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Recognizing the importance of true Christian education we again place ourselves on record, as a conference, as being in sympathy with and endorsing every worthy effort to advance this department of the work of God among us.

In this secular and semi-infidel age we cannot be too careful and earnest in choosing the influences and environments that are to surround our children and give bias to their future practise and character.

We insist on the maintaining of the doctrine of true holiness and separation from the world in our schools as well as in the church. The only plea that we offer for the existence of our institutions of learning is that they are salvation schools.

We hope that none of our people will be indifferent to the demands of this worthy cause and that all will give their hearty support and patronage to our Christian schools.

We call particular attention to the excellent work which is being done by the Orleans Seminary, and recommend that as far as practicable we give it our support and patronage.

IV.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We record our gratitude to God for his mercies over us during the past year and for the privilege of meeting once more in annual conference. We note the spirit of unity and brotherly love which prevails among us, and believe we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

During the past year a goodly number of revival meetings have been held and this summer three camp-meetings and one tabernacle meeting. Some of these meetings have been attended with much of the divine presence, resulting in the salvation of souls and the strengthening of our work. We regret, however, that no more has been accomplished considering the amount of effort put forth.

We notice, however, with sorrow, that in the reports from the various circuits, as they are read, that the gains in new members do not much more than make up the loss sustained by death and removals. This is to be deplored and, if possible, a remedy suggested, that we may see our Zion made a power in the earth.

Should we not humble ourselves before God and with united prayer and fasting seek a mighty renewing of the Holy Ghost. This will be a great cure for all the ills which hinder the progress of the work of God among us.

Is there not a need among us as preachers of an awakening to the fact that we are called to the work of the ministry; *i. e.*, that a call to the gospel ministry means a call to hard work, to put in as many hours a day reading, studying, praying and visiting, as would be necessary to employ in order to retain a position in any other calling?

We believe that the adoption of the rule of conscientiously devoting at least one-tenth of our entire income to the support of the work of God, would not only result in a very great improvement in our church finances, but also prepare the way for the outpouring of the Spirit among us.

May the Lord help us to recognize the conditions facing us and take hold along the lines suggested, and may the coming year be one replete with victories for God and the church.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

God has blessed the people of this nation with learning more universally than any other people of the world at this day. With the capacity to read, God has also permitted the activity of our free moral agency in selecting what we shall read from an almost bewildering amount of publications and from many classes of literature.

Our principal suggestion is that we seek God's counsel in our selection to a most particular degree. Those of us who have a very limited amount of time to devote to reading should be especially prayerful and diligent in reading that which is for our spiritual good first, and should apply ourselves more fully to this than to secular papers and books, no matter how lawful the secular reading might be in itself.

Cheap advertising papers costing but ten or twenty-five cents a year, but which are filled with untruthful and injurious advertising, should not be allowed in our homes.

The contents of current books of the day are, perhaps, exerting a greater influence upon the human mind than at any period of the world's history. This influence is both good and evil, according to the class of literature on which the mind is being fed.

We are glad to note that our preachers have spoken with no uncertain voice against the reading of dime novels, continued stories, etc., in various weeklies. Many of the books being put upon the market containing stories on various subjects are not the most wholesome, especially for our young people to read. They are not conducive to spirituality, but rather have a tendency to create an appetite for reading of a dangerous character.

We would recommend the Bible as the Book of books and, next to that, the many good books being put out by our publishing house bearing upon religious and kindred subjects.

We cannot speak in terms too high of our excellent church paper, the *Free Methodist.*

Its pages from week to week are filled with matter suited to the various needs of all. We rejoice in its increased circulation and we trust that not one home in this conference will be without its weekly visits. Let all the pastors do their duty and place it in every home possible.

We would again make special mention of our Sunday-school publications issued by our publishing house. They are not surpassed by any publications of like character. Let all our Sabbath-schools be well supplied with the same.

The *Earnest Christian* is worthy of a place in the home of all our people, and is too well known to need a special recommendation.

We would call attention to the *Missionary Tidings* as a representative organ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. None of our people should be without this excellent periodical.

This is no time for Protestants to be asleep or indifferent to the workings and aggressiveness of Romanism, the foe of true Christianity. If you will read that excellent publication, the *Converted Catholic*, published by Rev. J. A. O'Conner of New York City, you will be well informed.

We note with pleasure the prosperity of our publishing house and the excellent work being done by the same, and urge all our people to give it their hearty patronage.

The *Pilgrim's Banner*, published by our esteemed Brother Waters of the West Iowa conference, needs no better recommendation than our confidence in the spirituality and earnest devotedness of its editor.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT											
Lincoln	....	$ 1 00	$ 16 94	$ 1 20	$ 414 46	$ 45 55	$ 18 96	1	$ 2000	1	$ 1000
Yutan and Bethel	....	1 15	33 31	1 40	422 19	69 27	61 69	2	2000	1	1500
Bright Star and Mt. Carmel	.....	1 65	12 35	1 00	302 00	50 39	12 17	1	1000	1	450
Nebraska City	....	.....	47 35	1 00	341 00	45 76	1 47	1	2000	1	700
Tecumseh	....	.....	.....	97	.....	4 10	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Wymore	.....	.....	15 09	1 25	293 57	49 37	78 50	1	1000	1	500
York	....	.....	8 00	80	179 75	36 46	18 00	..	.....	..	.....
OMAHA DISTRICT											
Omaha	.....	2 35	31 76	1 80	396 19	67 61	50 00	1	1000	1	300
La Platte	.....	.....	12 00	48	25 45	32 98	10 00	1	1000	..	.....
Louisville	....	.....	18 85	1 52	202 20	58 00	86 18	1	1000	..	.....
Fremont	.....	....	18 18	40	52 05	21 67	7 56	1	1000	..	.....
Blair and Elk City	.....	.....	10 20	95	286 75	39 55	4 50	1	1500	1	1000
NORFOLK DISTRICT											
Norfolk, Birch, Meadow Grove	....	.....	15 58	80	250 93	50 06	5 00	..	.....	1	550
Fairview and Clay Ridge	....	.....	.....	60	225 00	53 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Inman and Page	.....	....	.....	25	.....	18 23	23 18	..	.....	1	300
Concord and Norris	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	9 65	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BUTTE DISTRICT											
Butte and Riverside	....	.....	.....	1 60	231 32	125 18	.....	1	900	1	700
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel	.....	3 15	11 67	90	271 50	60 14	29 00	1	800	1	200
Kirkwood	.....	....	.....	65	74 00	29 64	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Lynch	....	.....	.....	.....	96 35	14 80	.....	1	600	..	.....
Mills	.....	.....	.....	45	100 00	30 02	.....	1	600	1	300
Sandy Ray and Leona	....	.....	.....	35	26 15	4 25	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mabelo	.....	.....	.....	25	70 00	37 02	.... ..	..	.....	..	.....
Norden and West Middle Creek	....	...	.....	.....	.....	3 11	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total		$ 9 30	$ 251 28	$19 77	$4260 86	$ 955 81	$ 406 21	15	$ 16400	12	$ 7500

E. Ballenger, evangelist received $823.32.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

LINCOLN, OMAHA, NORFOLK, AND BUTTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'c's & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
LINCOLN DISTRICT	W. W. Bruce, District Elder																	
Lincoln	J. M. Eggers	31	1	32	2	2	1	8	40	10	$ 8 88	$ 4 32	$ 6 00	$ 3 60	$ 2 40	$ 3 80	$ 8 00	$ 24 90
Yutan and Bethel	L. M. Poff	26	..	26	2	..	2	13	42	12	10 36	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	4 48	1 40	27 94
Bright Star and Bethel	Lemore Daily	15	..	15	..	..	1	7	22	6	5 55	2 75	3 75	2 25	1 50	2 40	4 84	18 08
Nebraska City	L. E. Barnes	22	2	24	2	..	1	6	40	6	7 40	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	36	.....	.....
Tecumseh	W. W. Bruce	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	1 85	90	75	50	80	25	.....	.....
Wymore	Albert Amspoker, supply	25	3	28	1	..	1	7	38	9	9 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	4 00	5 00	.....
York	W. W. Bruce	10	..	10	..	..	1	5	20	4	5 90	2 88	3 23	2 40	1 60	2 56	.....	.....
OMAHA DISTRICT	W. W. Bruce, District Elder																	
Omaha	Edwin E. Hatfield	32	2	34	1	2	1	8	40	7	13 32	6 48	9 00	5 40	3 60	5 76	.....	28 65
La Platte	W. W. Bruce	8	..	8	..	..	1	6	50	....	2 96	1 44	1 20	80	1 28	40	.....	.....
Louisville	A. J. and Rosa Evert, supply	29	1	30	..	1	1	6	30	9	11 48	5 60	7 76	4 64	3 12	4 95	.....	4 00
Fremont	Henry Haden, supply	9	..	9	..	2	1	6	40	3	2 96	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Blair and Elk City	C. E. Carter, supply	26	2	28	..	..	1	4	24	5	5 92	3 42	4 00	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	.....
NORFOLK DISTRICT	O. L. Barnes, District Elder																	
Norfolk, Birch and Meadow Grove	Henry Allgor	14	1	15	1	1	1	8	38	9	5 92	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	2 56	.....	.....
Fairview and Clay Ridge	T. W. Rutledge	10	..	10	1	1	2	8	32	6	4 81	2 16	2 04	1 80	1 20	1 09	8 70	.....
Inman and Page	D. L. McClure, supply	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	1 05	1 36	70	35	94	59	.....	.....
Concord and Norris	Minnie A. Beers, supply	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	1 35	54	75	45	30	48	27 50	1 00
BUTTE DISTRICT	O. L. Barnes, District Elder																	
Butte and Riverside	O. L. Barnes	43	9	52	1	3	1	5	25	12	11 84	5 76	7 75	4 95	3 30	4 63	.....	.....
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel	T. B. Wilson	24	5	29	..	1	1	5	25	8	6 66	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	7 22
Kirkwood	H. D. Green, supply	14	6	20	..	..	..	..	..	3	4 81	2 30	3 25	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
Lynch	J. L. Riley, supply	16	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	2	36	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
Mills	M. Hartsock	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	3	3 33	1 62	2 09	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
Sandy Ray and Leona	W. S. Berry, supply	10	..	10	1	..	1	..	..	1	70	2 39	1 12	1 05	1 26	1 75	.....	.....
Mabelo	E. E. Dillon, supply	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	1 85	90	1 25	75	50	80	.....	.....
Norden and West Middle Creek	F. J. Aikinson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		395	32	427	14	14	18	101	506	124	$ 127 51	$ 68 74	$ 87 89	$ 55 04	$ 39 20	$ 54 87	$ 55 44	$111 79

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session, held at Clarinda, Iowa, August 22-26, 1906

OFFICERS

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On Publications—E. Ballenger, P. C. Kenton, John Phelps.

On Reforms—P. H. Arlington, J. S. Phillips, W. H. Wilfong.

On Education—Thomas Lawsen, G. W. Taylor, Maude Wallace.

On Sunday-schools—F. N. Ahern, R. H. Smyth, D. C. Eddy.

On State of the Work—F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd.

On Publishing the Minutes—D. C. Lamson, I. C. Grabill.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—Thomas Lawsen.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

On Foreign Missions—Maude Wallace, Saidee Holcomb, Mae Vredenburg.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Taylor, E. Ballenger.

On Memoirs—F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd, D. C. Lamson, William E. Dunn, W. H. Wilfong.

On Ministerial Relations—J. F. Mudd, F. I. Waters, D. C. Eddy, William E. Dunn, E. Ballenger.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Mudd, three years; P. H. Arlington, two years; D. C. Lamson, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Wilfong, J. H. Phelps, F. I. Waters, D. C. Lamson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

D. C. Eddy, five years; D. C. Lamson, four years; R. H. Smyth, three years; Thomas Lawsen, two years; J. F. Williams, one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—P. H. Arlington. *On Sunday-schools*—G. W. Taylor.

On Reforms—E. Ballenger. *On Education*—D. C. Eddy.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

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PREACHERS

J. W. Dake,	J. S. Phillips,	J. H. Wilson,	T. J. Gates,
F. E. Eaton,	F. I. Waters,	George Patrick,	J. J. Woof,
D. C. Eddy,	George W. Taylor,	J. F. Mudd,	A. Dowd,
D. C. Lamson,	O. Peitsmeyer,	R. H. Smyth,	P. H. Arlington,
C. G. Cox,	W. L. Giersdorf,	T. B. Webb,	W. W. Crippen,
Thomas Lawsen,	W. M. Adams,	F. N. Ahern,	W. H. Austin,
G. B. Ingram,	I. C. Grabill,	E. Ballenger,	P. C. Kenton.

DELEGATES

C. H. Truelson.	N. D. Nash.	Jane Strahan,	William Dunn,
Nancy Eicher,	W. H. Barker.	John Phelps,	W. H. Wilfong,
Frank Turner,	Fannie Pemble,	Melvina Blunk,	G. G. Rhodes,
Maude Wallace,	Saidee Holcomb,	Minerva Wray,	Dora Coates,
Joseph Whitmore,	Arvilla B. Jaimeson,	Mae Vredenburg.	John Thompson,
G. M. Booton.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd, W. H. Wilfong, John Thompson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. H. Truelson.

4. Who remain on trial? W. G. Taylor, Ezra Whitton.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. D. Groesbeck.

6. Who are the deacons? O. Peitsmeyer, G. B. Ingram, *W. D. Groesbeck.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. W. Crippen.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. G. Cox, R. H. Smyth.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. S. Phillips, J. J. Woof.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. Ballenger and I. C. Grabill, from the Nebraska conference; P. C. Kenton, from the Louisiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. Dowd, to the Platte River conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. W. Dake.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. See report on conference claimants and claims.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Correctionville, Iowa; the time as near the last Wednesday in August, 1907, as is convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five blessed and harmonious sittings of the conference were held in the church at Clarinda, Iowa, August 22-26, 1906. The wise counsels, fatherly admonitions and deeply spiritual sermons of our aged General Superintendent E. P. Hart were never more appreciated than at this time. Sister Hart was ever ready with a spiritual song and exhortation that sent the truth home to every heart. These servants of the Lord will long live in the memories of those who have received help and encouragement from them.

Rev. D. S. Warner very ably represented the publishing interests and preached three

*Ordained this year.

excellent sermons in the Spirit. He also gave an address on the subject of Christian education.

The memorial service held on Friday in behalf of our departed father in Israel, Rev. J. W. Dake, showed the deep regard in which he was held by all who knew him. The eminent piety and long and successful labors of this man of God have left results that time cannot efface.

The following ministers preached: E. P. Hart twice; D. S. Warner three times; E. Ballenger twice; J. S. Phillips, I. C. Grabill and D. C. Eddy each once. The preaching was in the Spirit, and at the altar services following a goodly number of souls were saved and others sanctified.

The conference elected delegates to general conference as follows: Ministerial, E. Ballenger; F. I. Waters, reserve. Lay delegate, W. H. Wilfong; Maude Wallace, reserve.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held two interesting sittings besides the public service on Sunday afternoon, at which time Rev. D. S. Warner preached a very helpful sermon from the text John 17:19.

The conference president, Mrs. N. Katie Waters, was elected delegate to the quadrennial gathering.

D. C. Eddy was elected conference treasurer for the coming year.

Collections and subscriptions were taken for the following purposes: Church at Clarinda, $175; funeral expenses and tombstone for J. W. Dake, $70; deficiency in conference claims, $41; foreign missions, $30; Wessington Springs Seminary, $60; secretaries, $5.09; pastor at Clarinda, $7.89.

APPOINTMENTS

Shenandoah District—F. I. Waters, District Elder, 2124 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Shenandoah, Essex and Bingham..W. W. Crippen, 312 Sheridan avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa
College Springs.....W. W. Parrish, supply, College Springs, "
Clarinda...D. C. Lamson; Nora Lamson, supply, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, "
Clearfield.....To be supplied
Hamburg and Knox.....J. Hinkley, supply, Hamburg, "
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill.....G. W. Taylor, Clarinda, "
Carbon and Mt. Etna.....W. H. Austin, Carbon, "
Gravity and Glasgow schoolhouse.....F. N. Ahern, Gravity, "
Lorimor and Garden Grove.....G. M. Booton, Lorimor, "

J. S. Phillips, superannuated; C. G. Cox, supernumerary; F. E. Eaton, left without appointment; E. Ballenger, conference evangelist, lock box 63, Council Bluffs, Iowa, member of the Shenandoah district quarterly conference.

Council Bluffs District—F. I. Waters, District Elder.

Dunlap, Bethel and Allen Creek.....William Vanhorn, supply, Dunlap, Iowa
Council Bluffs.....N. Katie Waters, supply, 2124 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, "

W. L. Giersdorf, evangelist, Council Bluffs, Iowa, member of the Council Bluffs district quarterly conference. F. I. Waters, member of Council Bluffs district quarterly conference.

Boone District—J. F. Mudd, District Elder, Polk City, Iowa.

Boone and Ogden.....George Patrick, 523 Clay street, Boone, Iowa
Polk City and Bethany.....G. B. Ingram, Polk City, "
Bear Grove.....P. C. Kenton, Guthrie Center, "
Churdan.....William G. Taylor, Churdan, "
Coon Rapids.....To be supplied
Scranton.....Fannie Pemble, supply, Churdan, "

R. H. Smyth, supernumerary, Churdan, Iowa; J. J. Woof, superannuated, Boone, Iowa; O. Peitsmeyer, left without appointment. J. F. Mudd, member of Boone district quarterly conference.

Sioux City District—J. F. Mudd, District Elder.

Danbury, Onawa and Ida Grove.....C. Truelson, Danbury, Iowa
Correctionville and Kingsley.....Thomas Lawsen, Correctionville, "
Merrill and LeMars.....D. C. Eddy, LeMars, "
Sioux City Mission.....To be supplied

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Sac City District—J. F. Mudd, District Elder.

Sac City and Early.....P. H. Arlington, Sac City, Iowa
Plover, Havelock and Rolfe.....W. D. Groesbeck, Havelock, "
Jolly.....To be supplied

E. Whitton, left without appointment to teach in Wessington Springs Seminary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—$84.
Church Extension.—$56.
Conference Claimants'.—$207.65.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—$100.80.
Permanent Fund.—$28.
Conference Missions.—$84.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—$89.60.

II.—ON CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

The claims for the coming year are as follows: J. S. Phillips, $100; J. J. Woof, $70; Mrs. J. W. Dake, $150; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, $100; Carrie Nixon (orphan), $20. Total, $440.

III.—REPORT OF TREASURER OF W. F. M. S.

Shenandoah District.—100.65.
Creston District.—$13.48.
Council Bluffs District.—$30.63.
Boone District.—$21.30.
Sioux City District.—$47.40.
Sac City District.—$76.16.
Total, $289.62.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Christian education is of untold value and cannot be too highly recommended. We are well aware of the fact, that education proves in many instances to be a curse, but to oppose education on that ground would be as illogical as to oppose good health because many abuse it, or money because many make bad use of it. It is with education as with most everything else, it depends on the way it is used. We believe that sanctified, fire-baptized education has in all ages been a blessing to the world and will continue to be as long as the world stands.

There are many colleges all over the land which we cannot recommend, though they bear the name of Christianity, whose professors are skeptics, higher critics and infidels and which are sending graduates by the thousands to the ministry and other callings in life saturated with abominable heresies and doctrines of devils.

We rejoice in the fact that we have religious schools, which we can heartily commend to the public and to our church as safe and sound schools for our young people to attend. Our seminaries stand for higher and better life. There are intellectual benefits which can be obtained no where else. The schools help man to think and to think for himself. He may forget much of what he once mastered, but the power to think, which enabled him to get his studies, will stay by him.

There are also spiritual benefits derived from school life which can be found nowhere else. The conditions in the seminaries are most helpful. It is a rare case, of a student being bewildered either in experience or doctrine and not being helped out. He is enriched and ennobled. He comes in contact with other students of various tastes, gifts and talents and is thereby profoundly affected and inspired. Furthermore he comes in personal touch with the choicest educators, who have themselves mastered difficulties which are facing every student, and is hence well qualified to arouse appetites and stimulate toward excellent ambition and high ideals.

Permit us to say to our young ministers and those who are bent on the ministry, give heed to the apostolic precept, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." You cannot do this better than to attend one of our seminaries and thus prepare yourself for this high calling. Do not hesitate because of being poor and pocket-book slender and empty. Get ready for sacrifices; work your way through and God will bless your effort. And to the parents: If you are interested in your children developing the highest order of Christian character send them to our schools. And to the

church: Give this worthy cause your earnest support, thus advancing the kingdom of Christ.

We call attention to Wessington Springs Seminary, and for higher education Greenville College.

We deplore a slackness among some of our young ministers in regard to the course of study prescribed in our Discipline and advise them to diligently pursue these studies.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Among the many agencies operating in the world for good or evil we recognize none more potent than the printing press. It shapes, largely, the policies and destinies of individuals, homes, communities, states and nations.

In no uncertain language we would raise our voice in condemnation of the light, trashy and impure literature that is flooding the land, poisoning the minds of the young, ruining the brightest intellects and wrecking souls for time and eternity.

Parents should guard their homes and keep them free from the pest of impure and unwholesome publications. Every home should be supplied with pure and wholesome reading matter suited to the needs of each member of the family. If we do not provide our children with proper periodicals and books to read they will obtain the improper to their eternal undoing.

We call your attention to our excellent church paper, the *Free Methodist*. We consider it the very best publication of its kind. Its columns are filled with wholesome matter suited to the needs of all. You cannot afford to be without its weekly visits. You will be a more intelligent Free Methodist and a better Christian by prayerfully perusing its pages.

The *Earnest Christian* has long been before our people and hardly needs further recommendation. Subscribe for and read it. We are sure it will do you good.

The Sabbath-school literature published by our publishing house is unexcelled. We urge all our schools to keep well supplied with the same.

We indorse and recommend the *Pilgrims' Banner* edited and published by Rev. F. I. Waters. It supplies us with a much needed medium of local communication.

It is high time that all Protestants were awake to the encroachments of that foe of true Christianity—Romanism. If you will read the *Converted Catholic*, published by Rev. J. A. O'Connor, of New York, you will keep well informed. It is a safe and reliable publication. $1.00 per year.

No home should be without a good Prohibition paper. We know of none better than the *New Voice*, published by the New Voice Company, Hyde Park, Chicago. $1.00 per year.

We rejoice in, and are grateful for, the prosperity of, and the good work which is being done by our publishing house. Let all our people give it their liberal patronage.

VI.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our work in foreign fields is in a prosperous condition. We have prayed that God would open the way, and he has answered prayer. Never before have we had such encouraging reports from our work in foreign lands. But the call comes for more workers, and means to send them.

Some one has said, "Give until you feel it, and then give until you do not feel it." When we pray we should be willing to sacrifice and thus help to answer our prayers.

We would urge our pastors to do their duty by preaching at least one missionary sermon at each appointment on their circuits. We believe, as a rule, our people are in sympathy with this cause, but they need to have their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance. Don't leave all for the W. F. M. S. to do. The pastors have a duty they owe to God and to their people on this line. If God should call you to appear at the judgment bar, could you answer, I have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God? For truly the cause of foreign missions is included in that counsel.

Perhaps you say, I do not know much about this work. Every week the *Free Methodist* has a report from foreign fields, and God's word is full of missionary truth, so there is no excuse because of lack of knowledge.

Humble yourselves before God and ask him to fill your heart with love for those benighted people and he will help you to awaken your people to their responsibilities to God and the heathen. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This is one way of obeying his command. "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

VII.—ON REFORMS.

Irreverence in the House of God.—Our churches are dedicated to God. The dedication is the crowning act in preparing a sanctuary for the Lord. In the dedicatory prayer God is petitioned to make this house his abode. Here to manifest his glory and bless his people, and if we believe God hears this prayer and accepts our offering we should

act with becoming reverence in his house and not in any wise misbehave ourselves. Irreverence desecrates the sanctuary, insults the majesty that dwells therein, grieves the Spirit, and renders the work of God extremely difficult if not impossible. Jesus said where two or three are assembled together in my name, there am I in the midst." Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings. No earthly monarch would suffer his subjects to come as irreverently into his presence as we go into the presence of the Lord, or behave themselves with the disrespect that we often see by professors of religion in the house of God. Were we to visit the White House the president would not admit our dog nor suffer the disrespectful conduct of our children.

This question was asked in the *Free Methodist* last November: "Should members and ministers of the Free Methodist church require their children under thirteen years of age to kneel at Sabbath-school and public worship during prayer service?" The answer was, "We think they should."

There is a great lack of reverence on the part of the people of this generation and it is certainly incumbent upon Christian parents, whether they be ministers or not to inculcate in the minds of their children the duty and reward of showing deep reverence for the Lord and for the house of divine worship. We believe that irreverence in the house of God is a vital cause of the spiritual depression that we are suffering in many places. Revivals are an impossibility under such circumstances. There must be reformation. The prosperity of the church and the salvation of the people demand it. Judgment must begin in the house of God. Let it begin in the ministry. If the preachers' children are allowed to sit up in time of prayer, whisper, talk and run about the house while their father prays, we may expect general disorder as the result. Let us demand of our preachers that they pay respect to disciplinary requirements along this line.

Family Government.—We believe that the failure to bring in our young people, see them converted and become members of our church is largely due to a lack of family government. Even among us family government is the exception and not the rule. Sometimes ministers are in the lead along this line. If children are allowed their own way in the home they invariably advertise the folly of their parents in after life. The wholesome exercise of family government is the safeguard and hope of our church. Indulgent parents cultivate the depravity of their children. Disobedience to parents is a characteristic of the age, a potent element in these perilous times. If children are allowed to be disobedient to their parents they will be unthankful and unholy and it is reasonable to expect all the characteristics of unbridled depravity developed in them. There is no surer way of sealing the doom of our children than by the neglect of wholesome discipline in the home. We fear that some, at least, of the ministers in this conference are forgetful of the solemn vows taken by them when they were ordained deacons and elders in the church.

We recommend that our preachers, after making their families wholesome examples, preach upon the subject of family government at least once a year in each society.

The Liquor Traffic.—The liquor traffic is a crime that would not be tolerated but for its contributions of power. By its power it elects presidents, leads legislative bodies, frames laws, controls judiciaries. It is the general issue. This nation is subject to its command. This is a nation of parties; a government of the party, for the party and by the party. In the liquor traffic is the recognized resource of party supremacy. Hence the parties are vying with each other in their concessions to this crime. The liquor organizations have said, We are not in politics, we are in business; hence we go politically where we can find the most favors. When the Republican party in Iowa was compelled to yield to the demands of public sentiment and give this state statutory prohibition, the distillers, brewers, saloon-keepers and tipplers moved over into the Democratic party. A. B. Cummins, our present governor, was in the van of the 30,000 Republican whisky-voters that elected Mr. Boies governor of this state and he is responsible more than any other man for the present immoral conditions in the state. It is by his craft and the co-operation of his coadjutors that this state is cursed with the drug store liquor law, the manufacturer's law, and that nefarious enactment, the mulct law, which is a shame and scandal that would disgrace Kiawa Indians. The churches have voiced the sentiment: The liquor traffic cannot be licensed without sin, and no party should expect or receive a Christian man's vote that does not place itself in an attitude of open hostility to the liquor traffic. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the West Iowa conference of the Free Methodist church, rally beneath the banner of the Prohibition party and henceforth use our elective franchise to secure constitutional prohibition. And

2. That we pledge ourselves to aid in the enforcement of prohibitory laws.

Dress.—We are grieved to see the worldly tendencies in dress and equipage that are becoming more and more manifest among us. In many places the plain pilgrim has almost disappeared. Those who were once patterns of plainness have lost their single eye in this respect and offer vain and foolish excuses for their modern ideas and extravagant and worldly display.

Our general rules prohibit wearing of gold or pearls or costly array. Often older chil-

dren are not subject to parental authority and younger children are turned over to them to dress. Thus parents cultivate the pride and depravity of their children and think to evade the responsibility because Maggie or Jennie purchased the dress or bought the trinket.

We protest against wearing thin and perforated goods and other costume that immodestly exposes the person and thus kindles the fire of hell in both wearer and beholder. Immodesty in dress is making sad havoc with the morals of the age.

We cannot be too careful along these lines. Let us continue to insist upon neatness, modesty and plainness in apparel.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We steadfastly maintain our former positions in opposition to secret societies. We are positively convinced of their demoralizing effect upon society. They are vehicles of the devil, subservient to his will, used by him to promote the interests of his kingdom and carry forward his purposes in the destruction of the souls of men. It is very necessary for us to know the pernicious character of these institutions and to keep ourselves efficiently armed against its encroachments. Secret societies are invading the church almost everywhere. Any compromise or concession means final admission; and a lodgement in the sacred enclosures means spiritual death. Labor unions are asking for our sympathy and recognition, and while our sympathies are with the laboring classes, yet we cannot afford to make any concessions or let down any bars. Brethren, let us keep the door shut and watch the camel's nose.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT											
Shenandoah, Bingham, Essex	....	....	$ 59 90	$ 2 90	$ 486 19	$ 119 42	$ 12 57	2	$ 4000	1	$ 1800
Clarinda	.....	$ 85	25 00	1 30	362 19	53 00	.....	1	2000	1	1600
College Springs	....	...	11 75	1 20	122 83	48 00	.....	1	1200	1	800
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill	....	.....	16 00	1 80	382 00	72 00	29 00	2	1250	1	600
Hamburg	....	....	.....	.....	210 00	20 00	.....	1	1000	1	400
CRESTON DISTRICT											
Carbon and Mt. Etna	....	.....	21 29	1 55	326 00	63 75	7 50	1	1000	1	700
Gravity and Glasgow	.....	.....	.....	90	300 00	43 05	5 00	1	1100	1	400
Lorimor and Garden Grove	.....		6 00	1 35	183 87	49 07	30 00	1	700	1	500
Clearfield	....	2 83	10 75	....	70 00	10 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT											
Dunlap and Bethel	....	.....	12 60	1 70	459 00	68 00	103 80	2	2500	1	800
Council Bluffs	.....	....	33 00	95	475 00	38 70	10 00	1	1900	1	1100
BOONE DISTRICT											
oone and Ogden	.....	.....	14 32	2 20	428 77	58 59	33 27	3	4500	1	1200
Polk City and Bethany	.....	.....	12 28	1 45	459 23	62 00	54 00	2	2000	1	600
Churdan	.....	....	11 86	80	347 00	38 81	.....	1	800	1	900
Scranton	.....	.....	12 00	50	242 80	41 99	4 07	1	800	1	600
Coon Rapids	.....	....	.....	70	323 00	36 00	.....	3	2000	1	700
Bear Grove	....	.....	13 00	.....	220 00	38 95	.....	1	800	1	400
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT											
Correctionville and Kingsley	1 24	.	20 50	1 50	521 00	76 26	142 47	2	2000	1	800
Merrill and Le Mars	1 00	1 72	9 38	.....	422 00	49 80	48 40	2	2600	1	700
Danbury, Onawa, Ida Grove	.....	.....	10 00	....	243 26	55 77	6 44	2	1750	1	1100
Sioux City Mission	....	.....	.....	30	.....	22 89	5 00	..	.....	..	.....
SAC CITY DISTRICT											
Sac City and Early	.....	.....	23 28	1 20	460 00	48 65	27 21	2	1800	1	1000
Plover, Havelock, Rolfe	....	....	.....	1 00	317 64	54 00	.....	2	1500	..	.....
Jolley	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	4 00	.....	1	250	..	.....
Deficiency raised at conference	....	.....	.....	4 45	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 2 24	$ 5 40	$ 322 91	$28 00	$7361 78	$1173 70	$ 518 73	35	$ 37450	20	$16700

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, CRESTON, COUNCIL BLUFFS, BOONE, SIOUX CITY AND SAC CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT	F. I. Waters, District Elder																	
Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex	G. W. Taylor	52	6	58	1	1	3	21	65	10	$ 21 46	$ 10 44	8 70	$ 8 70	$ 5 80	$ 9 28	.....	$ 42 55
Clarinda	D. C. Lamson; N. Lamson, sup	24	6	30		2	1	5	20	10	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	$ 1 00	7 10
College Springs	C. G. Cox, supply	15	..	15	..	..	1	5	20	4	8 88	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	3 84	14 00	.....
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill	G. B. Ingram	32	..	32	..	1	1	7	35	10	13 32	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	5 76	.....	.....
Hamburg	J. Hinkley, supply	5	1	6	..	..	..	..	....	....	1 50	1 25	1 00	1 00	50	55	.....	.....
CRESTON DISTRICT	F. I. Waters, District Elder																	
Carbon and Mt. Etna	W. H. Austin	32	1	33	5	1	1	6	24	7	11 47	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	4 96	1 96	..
Gravity and Glasgow	William G. Taylor	16	5	21	1	..	..	.....	.....	9	6 66	3 21	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 85	1 00	7 28
Lorimor and Garden Grove	Mary E. Barker, supply	32	2	34	2	..	2	12	50	3	9 99	4 80	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 60	.....	....
Clearfield	D. C. Lamson, supply	3	2	5	..	..	1	5	35	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT	F. I Waters, District Elder																	
Dunlap and Bethel	F. N. Ahern	32	2	34	..	..	1	7	20	13	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	.....	24 00
Council Bluffs	W. L. Giersdorf	31	6	37	1	1	1	7	50	6	7 03	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	1 35
BOONE DISTRICT	J. F. Mudd, District Elder																	
Boone and Ogden	D. C. Eddy	30	..	30	..	..	1	7	22	6	16 28	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	18 83
Polk City and Bethany	P. H. Arlington	29	1	30	2	..	1	6	29	7	10 73	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	.....
Churdan	Ezra Whitton	18	..	18	..	1	2	7	25	6	5 92	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 56	.....	10 85
Scranton	Fannie Pemble, supply	12	1	13	..	1	2	10	45	4	3 70	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	1 00
Coon Rapids	P. C. Kenton, supply	15	..	15	..	..	..	.....	.....	5	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	1 00
Bear Grove	P. C. Kenton, supply	15	..	15	..	..	1	6	25	5	6 29	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT	J. F. Mudd, District Elder																	
Correctionville and Kinsley	Thomas Lawsen	41	3	44	2	..	1	5	30	6	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 80	12 55	47 10
Merrill and Le Mars	W. M. Adams	29	2	31	..	..	1	7	31	12	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	10 00	17 65
Danbury, Onawa and Ida Grove	A. Dowd	20	3	23	..	..	2	6	25	2	5 21	.....	.....	5 25	..	3 50	.....	.....
Sioux City Mission	J. F. Mudd	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	....	....	2 29	1 08	90	90	60	90	.....	.....
SAC CITY DISTRICT	J. F. Mudd, District Elder																	
Sac City and Early	W. W. Crippen	27	1	28	1	1	2	11	60	8	8 88	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	3 84	.....	53 80
Plover, Havelock and Rolfe	W. D. Groesbeck	27	..	27	1	1	1	4	16	4	9 99	4 85	4 05	4 05	2 70	2 58	.....	.....
Jolley	J. F. Mudd	4	..	4	..	..	..	.....	.....	2	1 85	90	75	75	50	80	.....	.....
Deficiency raised at conference		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 22	6 95	5 25	50	4 20	7 64	.....	.....
Total		550	42	592	16	10	26	144	627	142	$ 207 55	$ 100 80	$ 84 00	$ 84 00	$ 56 00	$ 89 60	$ 40 51	$232 51

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-seventh Annual Session, held at Harvey, Illinois, September 11-16, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*
GEORGE BRADFIELD, *Secretary.* R. G. WILKIN, *Assistant Secretary.*
WILLIAM F. JENSEN, *Statistical Secretary.* G. H. BEHNER, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, M. L. Johnson.
On State of the Work—J. D. Marsh, B. D. Fay, F. D. Brooke, W. C. Willing, W. J. Jackson, R. B. McKee, John Harvey.
On Sunday-schools—H. Lenz, Ella Wendell, William Duck, Clara Burdick, P. W. Newcomer.
On Publications—G. H. Behner, T. B. Arnold, H. L. K. Stokes, George Cottingham, J. D. Kelsey, A. W. Parry.
On Education—George Bradfield, W. P. Ferries, W. J. Bone, J. M. Woodard, G. H. Behner.
On Reforms—F. D. Brooke, W. A. Huston, J. Holschmacher, H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, T. B. Webb.
On Charities—T. B. Arnold, J. D. Kelsey, F. J. Kline.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. A. Tapper.
Auditing Committee—Frank J. Kline, J. W. Hill.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Jensen, J. G. Rockenbach, R. G. Wilkin, T. C. Wendell.
To Report for the Press—W. C. Willing.
On Complimentary Resolutions—A. W. Parry, W. M. Kelsey.
To Nominate Conference Committees—J. D. Marsh, F. D. Brooke, George Bradfield.
To Visit Evansville Seminary—George Bradfield, B. D. Fay.
To Visit the Woodstock Homes—William F. Jensen, Henry Lenz.
To Nominate Chairmen of Conference Committees for Next Year—D. M Smashey, C. M. Stirdivant.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, F. D. Brooke R. B. McKee, F. J. Kline.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, president; B. D. Fay, secretary; F. J. Kline, treasurer; F. D. Brooke, Thomas Heavisides.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. D. Fay, H. O. Hubbard, W. J. Bone, time expires 1907.
J. H. Porter, William Masters, F. J. Kline, time expires 1908.
J. D. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries, F. D. Brooke, time expires 1909.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Jackson, time expires 1907.
W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time expires 1908.
F. D. Brooke, Charles Wright, time expires 1909.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. G. Wilkin, secretary, time expires 1907; W. C. Willing, president, time expires 1908; B. D. Fay, time expires 1909; G. H. Behner, time expires 1910; George Bradfield, time expires 1911.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—E. G. Cryer. *On Sunday-schools*—D. M. Smashey.
On Publications—George Bradfield. *On Education*—B. D. Fay.
On Reforms—J. G. Rockenbach. *On Charities*—J. D. Kelsey.
Auditing Committee—T. C. Wendell.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Maria Rose, president, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. T. R. Arnold, first vice-president, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Mrs. Eva R. Willing, second vice-president, 24 American street, Freeport, Illinois; Miss Hattie Burdick, corresponding secretary, Winnebago, Illinois; Mrs. H. O. Hubbard, recording secretary, 106 East First street, Kewanee, Illinois; Miss Bertha Rubeck, treasurer, Belvidere, Illinois. Delegate to general conference, Mrs. W. T. Hogue; reserve delegate, Mrs. T. R. Arnold.

OLD PEOPLE'S REST HOME, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

T. B. Arnold, president, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; F. D. Brooke, secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; W. B. Olmstead, treasurer, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Kelsey, superintendent, Woodstock, Illinois; J. D. Kelsey, manager; Miss Lulu Champion, matron.

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

S. K. J. Chesbro, president, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Marsh, secretary, Fremont Station, Seattle, Washington; F. D. Brooke, treasurer, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; T. B. Arnold, superintendent, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; W. P. Ferries, assistant superintendent, Coloma, Michigan, R. F. D. 2; J. D. Kelsey, manager, Woodstock, Illinois; Mrs. Nellie L. Kelsey, matron.

OLIVE BRANCH MISSION—95 S. DESPLAINES STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

B. Winget, president, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Marsh, secretary, Fremont Station, Seattle, Washington; Mary J. Everhart, treasurer and superintendent, 114 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

Freeborn D. Brooke, president; George Bradfield, secretary.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: F. D. Brooke, B. D. Fay. Reserve: J. D. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries.
Lay: T. B. Arnold, F. J. Kline. Reserve: William Masters, W. F. Jensen.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

PREACHERS

James Sprague,
F. D. Brooke,
H. O. Hubbard.
A. W. Parry,
M. L. Johnson.
F. M. Campbell.
W. S. Scalf,
J. T. Merry,
W. C. McNeil,
Hermon S. Willing.
J. D. Marsh,
P. W. Newcomer,
John Harvey,
B. D. Fay,
J. F. Hill,
W. J. Bone,
R. G. Wilkin,
C. M. Stirdivant.
J. W. Hill,
D. W. Finch.
J. D. Kelsey.
W. M. Kelsey,
F. M. Fish,
J. G Rockenbach,
G. H. Behner,
D. M. Smashey,
George Bradfield.
E. A. Tapper,
S. J. DeYoung.
W. P. Ferries,
J. T. Taylor,
J. H. Wœrtendyke.
E. G. Cryer,
Henry Lenz,
W. C. Willing.
T. C. Wendell,
T. B. Webb,
M. F. Childs,

DELEGATES

Virginia E. Gates.
F. J. Kline.
T. B. Arnold,
Clara Burdick,
R. B. McKey,
George Swords.
Thomas Heavisides,
Viola Marriott,
H. L. K. Stokes,
J. H. Cook.
William F. Jensen,
J. M. Woodard,
Susan Andrus,
B. H. Rider,
Jacob Douglas,
Mrs. J. F. Hill.
James H. Porter,
Jennie Wessels,
W. J. Jackson.
Minnie E. Bardell,
Eva Allen,
George Cottingham,
William Masters,
Julius Holschmacher,
Ella H. Wendell,
William Duck,
Nellie L. Kelsey,
W. A. Huston,
Lincoln Kay,
H. D. Wheeler,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, F. D. Brooke, B. D. Fay, F. J. Kline, R. B. McKee, William Masters.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? James Harvey, Albert L. Wright, G. C. Mills.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. W. Finch.

6. Who are the deacons? David W. Finch, of the first class; Joseph W. Hill, E. A. Tapper, of the second class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. M. Stirdivant.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. T. Merry, T. C. Wendell.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. M. Fish, A. W. Parry, James Sprague, W. P. Ferries.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? M. F. Childs, from the Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? S. J. DeYoung, J. H. Wœrtendyke; F. M. Campbell, to the Genesee conference; J. D. Marsh, to the Washington conference; H. L. Yakes, on trial in the conference, to the East Michigan conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. W. Parry, $80; Mrs. Peter Zellar, $100; Mrs. Lewis Bailey, $25; F. M. Fish, $50; James Sprague, $120; W. P. Ferries, $75.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Kewanee, Illinois, as near the first Tuesday in September, 1907, as is convenient for the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

Chicago District—E. G. Cryer, District Elder, 993 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, First church.....P. W. Newcomer, 287 Park avenue, Chicago, Illinois
" Chicago Avenue Mission.....To be supplied
" Second church.....To be supplied
" Englewood.....W. J. Bone, 6136 Aberdeen street, Chicago, Illinois
" Humboldt Park.....W. M. Kelsey
" Crawford.....To be supplied
Evanston.....J. T. Logan, supply, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Aurora.....J. G. Rockenbach, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, "
Harvey.....M. L. Johnson, 15215 Center avenue, Harvey, "
Melrose Park.....D. M. Smashey, Melrose Park, "
Glen Ellyn.....To be supplied
Saint Charles.....George Bradfield, 96 West Walnut street, Saint Charles, Illinois

J. T. Taylor, missionary to India: J. D. Marsh, granted a certificate of standing to Washington conference; T. C. Wendell, J. T. Merry, supernumerary, at their own request; W. P. Ferries, superannuated, Coloma, Michigan, R. F. D. 2.

Elgin District—F. D. Brooke, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin.

Elgin and South Elgin.....Henry Lenz, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
Freeport.....W. C. Willing, 24 American street, Freeport, "
Ridott and Winnebago.....Palmer Roberts, supply
Rockford.....J. M. Woodard, 1535 Camp avenue, Rockford, Illinois
Belvidere and Marengo.....G. H. Behner, 423 North Main street, Belvidere, "
Woodstock.....Hermon S. Willing, Woodstock, "
Cary and Algonquin.....W. S. Scalf, Algonquin, "
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley....J. W. Hill; Sadie Cryer Hill, supply, Nunda, "
Sycamore and South Burlington.....T. B. Webb, 215 California street, Sycamore, "
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....Bertha Rubeck, Belvidere, "
Dustin.....To be supplied

J. H. Wœrtendyke, granted certificate of transfer; F. M. Campbell, granted certificate of transfer to Genesee conference; J. D. Kelsey, manager Chicago Industrial Home for Children, Woodstock, Illinois; F. M. Fish, superannuated, 2360 Humbolt street, Denver, Colorado.

Peoria District—B. D. Fay, District Elder, Fairbury, Illinois.

Peoria.....John Harvey, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
Limestone and Pekin.....James Harvey, supply
Farmington.....To be supplied
East Peoria.....E. A. Tapper, East Peoria, Illinois
Deer Creek and Bethel.....A. L. Wright, Deer Creek, "
Fairbury and Streator.....J. F. Hill, Fairbury, "
Morris and Mazon.....R. G. Wilkin, Morris, "
Kempton and Mona.....D. W. Finch, Kempton, "

H. L. Yakes, on trial in the conference, granted certificate of transfer to East Michigan conference; S. J. DeYoung, granted certificate of transfer. Quarterly conference relation of B. D. Fay fixed on Peoria district.

Kewanee District—B. D. Fay, District Elder.

Kewanee and Galva.....H. O. Hubbard, 106 East First street, Kewanee, Illinois
Sheffield and Atkinson.....M. F. Childs, Sheffield, "
New Bedford.....G. C. Mills, New Bedford, "
Rock Island and Sherrard.....C. M. Stirdivant, 532 Twelfth street, Rock Island, "

James Sprague, superannuated, Princeton, Illinois; A. W. Parry, superannuated, Sheffield, Illinois.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Belle Smashey, Mrs. Lizzie Brooke, Mrs. Maria Rose, Clara Burdick,
Bertha Rubeck, Mrs. Ella Wendell, Minnie E. Bardell, Mrs. Jennie Wessels,
Mrs. Eva R. Willing, Mrs. Della D. Bone, Emma H. Behner, Mrs. May Fay,
Mrs. Virginia E. Gates, Mrs. Georgia Merry, Tressa R. Arnold, Sarah A. Cooke,
Mrs. Sadie Cryer Hill, A. C. Burlison.

LOCAL ELDERS

William Morrison.....St. Charles, Illinois
W. R. Sansom.....Woodstock, "
J. A. Murray.....1141 Noyes street, Evanston, Illinois.
T. B. Arnold.....Glen Ellyn, Illinois
W. E. Bardell.....Belvidere, "
Theodore A. Doughty...Woodstock, Illinois

LOCAL DEACONS

John M. Woodard.....1535 Camp avenue, Rockford, Illinois
G. C. Mills.....New Bedford, "
A. C. Burlison.....Chicago, "

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference met at Harvey for the first time. General Superintendent Wilson T. Hogue presided in an able manner, and his sermons and addresses were spiritual, highly instructive and full of inspiration.

The session opened with the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by the general superintendent.

The local pastor, M. L. Johnson, credibly performed his part of the work of entertaining the conference.

Those of the ministers of the conference not in attendance were James Sprague, J. T. Taylor, F. M. Fish, J. H. Wœrtendyke, F. M. Campbell, W. C. McNeil.

Resolutions were adopted, signed by each minister of the conference present, expressing the high esteem of the Christian character and successful labors in this conference by James D. Marsh, who, after twenty-eight years of faithful service, transfers to the Washington conference.

Miss F. Grace Allen of the South African conference, was introduced. She gave an able and inspiring address on Friday evening.

The following brethren were introduced to the conference: C. B. Ebey, J. T. Logan, W. B. Olmstead, C. H. Miller, W. B. Rose, Hermon S. Willing, M. F. Childs; also C. S. Spaulding, C. E. Mandeville, U. Warrington, W. H. Otjen and H. L. Witherbee of the M. E. church; H. M. Hegeman of the Congregational church; and Rev. Mr. Coate of the African M. E. church.

The same conference collections were ordered taken and in the same order as last year, excepting the collection for General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

The Board of Church Extension recommended appropriations to the following churches by the General Missionary Board: Rock Island church, $350; Mona chapel, Kempton circuit, $125.

The conference took no backward step in the matter of free-will offerings. Collections were taken for the secretaries, Woodstock homes, foreign missions, resident pastor, A. W. Parry, incidentals, and for the purchase of a furnace for the Harvey church.

The following brethren preached during the conference: Wilson T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, J. D. Kelsey, P. W. Newcomer, H. O. Hubbard, B. D. Fay, E. G. Cryer, G. H. Behner, Henry Lenz, W. J. Bone, D. M. Smashey, George Bradfield, T. B. Webb, M. F. Childs, Hermon S. Willing, C. B. Ebey, J. T. Logan.

Mrs. Ann E. Chesbrough was introduced to the conference. She briefly addressed this body, giving an interesting account of her early Christian experience.

One new church has been built and dedicated during the past conference year, and another one soon will be dedicated.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Home Missions.—Balance on hand, $6.14. Receipts, $203.86. Total, $210.
Paid to various claimants, $150; incidentals, $6 93; W. P. Ferries for services, $10; total disbursements, $166.93. Balance on hand, $43.07.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed, $153.28.
Receipts, $153.44; surplus, $.16.
South Chicago Church Fund.—Balance on hand, $36.49.
Evansville Seminary.—Assessed, $143.70.
Receipts, $132.32; deficit, $11.38.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, $354.46.
Receipts, $356 63; surplus, $2.17.
PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed and paid, $47 95.
GENERAL MISSIONS FUND.—Assessed, $143.70.
Receipts, $142.65; deficit, $1.05.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—Assessed, $172.44.
Receipts, $172.61; surplus, $.17.
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Assessed, $95.80.
Receipts, $95.10; deficit, $.70.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—Collected, $15 95.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Collected, $9.64.
RELIEF FUND FOR MRS. DUNCAN.—Received, $126.85.
Paid to Mrs. Duncan, $126.60; postage, $.25. Total, 126.85.
FUND FOR MOVING EXPENSES OF PASTORS.—On hand $12.33.

RECAPITULATION.

Surplus funds: Home Missions, $43.07; General Conference Delegates' Expenses, $.16; Conference Claimants' Fund, $2.17; General Superintendents', $.17. Total surplus, $45.57.
Funds which show a deficit: Evansville Seminary, $11.38; General Missions, $1.05; Church Extension, $ 70. Total deficit, $13.13.
Total surplus over deficit, $32.44.

II.—ON CHARITIES.

The words of the Savior, "The poor ye have always with you," uttered two thousand years ago, are literally true to-day. The Scriptures teach that the people of God should care for the poor, the afflicted and the unfortunate. Under the law the reapers were required to leave a portion for the poor.

Jesus regarded a failure to perform this important duty as a neglect of himself, and would constitute it a barrier to entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

James says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." Thus we see that God has placed the work of caring for the poor upon his people.

Infidelity builds no almshouses, orphanages, or asylums. This work must be done, if done at all, by the Christian church.

The Chicago Industrial Home for Children has been recognized and endorsed by this conference for many years past in its resolutions of various kinds, through the appointment of visiting committees, and in its nomination of directors.

We recommend that this conference appoint a visiting committee of two, who will from time to time during the year visit this institution and the Old People's Rest Home, and make a report at the next session of the annual conference.

Concerning the Old People's Rest Home, we submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Old People's Rest Home is a creature of this conference, resolutions recommending the establishment of such an institution having been made from time to time in the past; and,

WHEREAS, Such an organization has been established with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, and with a small, but comfortable building at Woodstock, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, It is reported by the officers of said institution that it is now quite well filled with inmates, and that there are still many applications for admission; and,

WHEREAS, The work is important and should be enlarged, therefore,

Resolved, First. That we hereby direct that as soon as it can be done without involving the corporation in financial burdens, which will embarrass or jeopardize the property, the directors erect a new building which will make room for more inmates, and thus enlarge the scope of its usefulness.

Resolved, Second. That we will welcome a representative of the said Old People's Rest Home on our circuits, and aid in procuring funds for the erection of such building, and for the expense of caring for the old people.

As this institution is an institution of our creation and is fostered and supported by our patronage, we submit the following nominations for directors:

J. D. Kelsey, F. D. Brooke, S. K. J. Chesbro, W. P. Ferries, T. B. Arnold, Tressa R. Arnold, Rev. E. E. Hall, L. B. Webb, Frank J. Kline, B. D. Fay.

With a view to strengthening the work of charity in our church, we recommend the following memorial to the coming general conference:

WHEREAS, The work of caring for the poor and unfortunate is enjoined by the word of God upon the Christian church; and

WHEREAS, There exists in the Free Methodist church several institutions founded for the purpose of caring for the poor or unfortunate children and old people, notably, the Orphanage and Home at Gerry, New York, the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, and

the Old People's Rest Home, with headquarters in Chicago and buildings and barn at Woodstock, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, There is no recognition of the work of charity in our book of Discipline, therefore,

Resolved, That this annual conference request that the coming general conference take such action as will place such charitable institutions as are conducted by the sanction and under the surveillance and patronage of any annual conference of the Free Methodist church under control and support of the general conference.

Resolved, Second. That it is our judgment that the charitable institutions of the church should be provided for in our book of Discipline in a manner similar to or identical with the schools of the church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CHICAGO DISTRICT						$ 755 37					
Chicago, First church	$ 3 10	$ 5 00	$ 81 55	$ 1 70	$ 350 00	68 10	.....	1	4000	..	....
" Second church	6 01	8 61	2 9 33	3 3	830 00	134 00	.....	1	6000	1	$ 2000
" Dearborn street	.....	1 60	132 76	3 56	800 00	140 72	$ 25 00	1	6000	1	2000
" Humboldt Park	.....		75 00	2 10	611 50	84 00	.....	1	4000	1	3000
Evanston		5 00	60 89	2 6	805 56	106 22	93 00	1	8500	1	3500
Aurora	2 00	2 04	27 29	1 0	600 00	40 00	17 84	1	3000	1	2000
Harvey and South Englewood	4 20	19 08	20 22	1 4	546 59	56 00	.....	1	2000	1	1400
Crawford	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Melrose Park	3 00	1 00	49 00	.	375 00	34 00	10 47	1	3000	1	2000
Glen Ellyn		1 48	30 00	70	122 00	24 00	.....	1	2000	1	2500
St. Charles	2 64	4 22	89 84	1 70	637 72	63 33	16 00	1	3000	1	2000
ELGIN DISTRICT						612 80					
Elgin and South Elgin	....	1 00	29 45	2 05	657 00	90 00	60 00	2	5800	2	2800
Freeport	.....	...	23 53	2 00	570 00	88 00	.....	1	1600	1	1700
Winnebago and Ridott	....	...	24 45	1 50	300 00	56 50	20 14	2	2400	..	.....
Rockford	....	....	.....	50	6 00	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belvidere and Marengo	....	.....	34 00	2 23	520 00	99 00	.....	2	3500	2	3200
Woodstock	....	.....	34 21	1 80	350 00	79 20	....	1	4000	..	
Cary and Algonquin	.....	20 00	....	84	425 00	35 20	19 55	1	2400	1	1500
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley	12 00	1 65	17 85	1 40	556 00	58 80	39 25	2	1800	1	1200
Sycamore and South Burlington	...	1 80	31 01	.....	648 00	59 10	19 50	2	3200	1	1400
Franklin Grove and Ashton	75	....	.....	25	45 00	15 00	.....	2	2100	1	1200
Dustin	.....	....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	1	700
PEORIA DISTRICT						360 53					
Peoria	....	....	58 52	1 75	750 00	78 00	26 00	.....	.....	..	.....
Limestone and Farmington	....	...	25 00	85	.....	37 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Peoria and Pekin	.....	6 00	38 00	.	407 00	44 10	.....	2	3000	1	1000
Deer Creek and Bethel	....	....	14 50	60	302 00	28 56	10 55	2	1100	1	400
Fairbury	...	...	25 02	1 45	420 00	63 80	11 00	1	2500	1	1500
Streator	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morris and Mazon	....	....	14 00	1 10	485 00	48 67	.....	2	5000	2	2500
Kempton	....	.....	35 00	1 35	527 00	60 00	.....	2	2500	1	1000
KEWANEE DISTRICT						300 26					
Kewanee and Galva	2 00	1 25	61 50	3 30	684 00	145 20	15 96	2	10000	1	3500
Sheffield and Atkinson		....	....	1 30	470 00	57 20	...	2	2000	1	750
New Bedford and Princeton	.....	.....	23 82	90	421 00	50 61	2 86	2	2000	1	1500
Rock Island	....	...	27 07	15	540 00	30 00	.....	1	5000	.....	.....
Sherrard	...	.....	27 11	35	174 24	17 20	10 68	1	1000	..	...
Total	$35 70	$79 69	$1334 92	$44 40	11936 59	2028 96	$ 397 80	38	$ 103300	29	$46250

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CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'c'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CHICAGO DISTRICT	J. D. Marsh, District Elder																	
Chicago, First church	J. T. Logan, supply	47	7	54	..	2	2	11	70	9	$ 12 58	$ 6 12	$ 7 48	$ 5 10	$ 3 40	$ 5 44	.....	$ 70 81
Chicago, Second church	Henry Lenz	67	6	73	..	2	1	12	125	20	24 79	12 06	14 74	10 05	6 70	10 72	$ 18 95	363 78
Chicago, Dearborn street	William J. Bone	55	2	57	..	1	1	12	75	13	25 90	12 60	15 40	10 50	7 00	11 20	.....	70 30
Chicago, Humboldt Park	E. G. Cryer	41	4	45	..	1	1	14	106	8	15 54	7 56	9 24	6 30	4 20	6 72	.....	44 77
Evanston	W. P. Ferris	68	13	71	3	..	1	10	75	12	19 61	9 54	11 66	7 95	5 30	8 48	.....	173 77
Aurora	J. G. Rockenbach	21	2	23	..	..	1	5	20	7	7 40	3 60	4 40	3 00	2 00	3 20	72 50	20 50
Harvey and South Englewood	Martin L. Johnson	26	2	28	..	1	1	7	37	9	10 36	5 04	6 16	4 20	2 80	4 48	...	44 28
Crawford	J. D. Marsh	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 96	1 44	.....	.....	.....	1 28	.....	.....
Melrose Park	C. B. Ebey, supply	19	..	19	2	1	1	10	50	3	6 29	3 06	3 74	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
Glen Ellyn	D. S. Warner, supply	20	2	22	1	1	1	6	30	5	5 18	2 52	3 08	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	27 05
St. Charles	George Bradfield	35	5	40	1	..	1	12	90	17	12 58	6 12	7 48	5 10	3 40	5 44	.....	76 17
ELGIN DISTRICT	F. D. Brooke, District Elder																	
Elgin and South Elgin	W. M. Kelsey	38	3	41	1	..	1	10	35	7	15 17	7 28	9 02	6 15	4 10	6 56	.....	.....
Freeport	F. M. Campbell	37	3	40	..	..	1	6	30	8	14 80	7 20	8 80	6 00	4 00	6 40	.....	22 00
Winnebago and Ridott	James H. Harvey	36	3	39	..	1	2	10	60	10	11 10	5 40	6 60	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	.....
Rockford	J. M. Woodard	10	3	13	1	..	..	..	..	2	3 70	1 80	2 20	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	..
Belvidere and Marengo	George H. Behner	41	..	41	..	3	2	10	35	15	16 65	8 10	9 90	6 75	4 50	7 20	.....	.....
Woodstock	J. D. Kelsey, supply	3	5	44	..	..	1	11	75	....	18 32	6 48	7 92	5 40	3 60	5 76	45 25	10 70
Cary and Algonquin	P. W. Newcomer	16	..	16	1	..	1	4	15	5	5 92	2 88	3 52	2 40	1 60	2 56	60 00	.
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley	Joseph W. Hill	27	..	27	..	1	2	9	35	10	10 36	5 04	6 16	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	49 46
Sycamore and South Burlington	T. B Webb	24	..	24	..	..	2	10	40	10	9 99	4 86	5 94	4 05	2 70	4 32	16 42	16 78
Franklin Grove and Ashton	Bertha Rubeck, supply	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	1 85	90	1 10	75	50	80	5 00	.....
Dustin	F. D. Brooke	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 85	90	1 10	75	50	80	.....	.....

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PEORIA AND KEWANEE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PEORIA DISTRICT	**B. D. Fay, District Elder**																	
Peoria	W. C. Willing	86	5	41	2	3	1	9	65	11	$ 12 95	$ 6 30	$ 7 70	$ 5 25	$ 3 50	$ 5 60	.....	$ 65 00
Limestone and Farmington	B. D. Fay	21	1	22			2	8	50	2	6 29	3 06	3 74	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
East Peoria and Pekin	H. L. Yakes	24	5	29	1	..	2	10	60	3	8 88	2 32	5 28	3 60	2 40	3 81	$ 30 00	.....
Deer Creek and Bethel	A. L. Wright	14	8	22			1	5	30	6	4 44	2 16	2 64	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	16 05
Fairbury	J. F. Hill	26	3	29		2	1	8	47	8	10 73	5 22	6 38	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	35 15
Streator	B. D. Fay	2	..	..				.....	.....	...	66	54	1 11	45	30	48	.....	.....
Morris and Mazon	G. C. Mills	24	4	28			1	4	28	5	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	.....
Kempton	D. W. Finch	28	5	33	2	..	2	12	45	7	9 99	4 86	5 94	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	.....
KEWANEE DISTRICT	**B. D. Fay, District Elder**																	
Kewanee and Galva	Hiram O. Hubbard	72	12	84	1	..	1	10	78	21	24 42	11 88	14 52	9 90	6 60	10 56	.....	22 50
Sheffield and Atkinson	R. G. Wilkin	23	2	25				.....	.....	10	9 62	4 68	5 72	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	.....
New Bedford and Princeton	E. A. Tapper	21	1	22			1	5	25	2	6 66	3 24	3 96	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
Rock Island	C. M. Stirdivant	24	10	34	1	..	1	7	30	8	1 11	54	66	45	30	48	.....	.....
Sherrard	Viola Marriott, supply	5	3	8		1	1	5	30	2	2 59	1 26	1 54	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
Total		996	119	1110	17	20	37	255	1491	258	$ 354 38	$ 170 52	$ 208 13	$ 142 85	$ 95 10	$153 44	$ 248 12	1129 07

NOTE:—Raised for Evansville Seminary: Chicago, (First Church), $6.10; Second Church, $10.05; Dearborn St. Church, $10.50; Humboldt Park Church, $6.30; Evanston, $7.95; Aurora, $3.00; Melrose Park, $2.55; Glen Ellyn, $2.10; St Charles, $5.10 Crawford, 92 cents; Elgin and So. Elgin, $6.15; Freeport, $6.00; Winnebago and Ridott, $4.50; Rockford, $1.50; Belvidere and Marengo, $6.75; Woodstock, $5.40; Cary and Algonquin, $2.40; Sycamore and South Burlington, $4.05; Lustin 75 cents; Peoria, $5.25; Limestone and Farmington, $2.55; Deer Creek and Bethel, $1.80; Fairbury, $4.35; Morris and Mazon, $4.84; Kempton, $4.05; Kewanee and Galva, $14.00; New Bedford and Princeton, $2.70; Rock Island, 45 cents; Sherrard, 60 cents.

NOTE:—Raised for Tracts: Cary and Algonquin, $2.00; Sheffield and Atkinson, 60 cents.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held at Manton, Michigan, August 22-26, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

C. L. LAMBERTSON, *Secretary.* ARTHUR A. YORK, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, F. O. Wyman, J. A. Hudnutt, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, W. H. Bodine.

On Reforms—S. W. Ingalls, D. D. Hall, S. Seman.

On Sunday-schools—A. G. Hartle, J. A. Phillips, A. C. Floyd.

On Secret Societies—M. C. Eddy, A. G. Hartle, F. T. Flewelling.

On Temperance—J. E. Sanders, C. M. DeFoe, G. W. Cappy.

On Publications—D. G. Briggs, J. B. Griswold, Sophia Durfee.

On Education—J. W. Humphreys, H. D. F. Gaffin, L. Webb.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. B. Huff.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, A. F. Williams, L. P. Lawton.

To Receive Conference Missions Fund—The district elders.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. H. James, J. A. Allen, J. E. McDonald, W. Harding, A. F. Williams.

To Nominate Conference Committees—The district elders.

Auditing Committee—W. D. Kingsley, P. White.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary; F. O. Wyman, treasurer; L. P. Lawton, A. F. Williams.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. W. Humphreys, president, for two years; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, for one year; A. G. Hartle, for three years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Secret Societies—S. W. Ingalls.
On Publications—J. E. Sanders.
On Reforms—M. C. Eddy.
On Temperance—W. H. Bodine.
On Sabbath-schools—A. G. Hartle.
On Education—A. A. York.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions and General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and Permanent Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Sarah Miller, Morgan, Michigan; first vice-president, Hattie Gaffin, Coopersville, Michigan; second vice-president, Saloma Lambertson, Evart, Michigan; recording secretary, Alice Barber, Cedar Lake, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Arletta Briggs, Orleans, Michigan; treasurer, Mary De Foe, Saranac, Michigan.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: J. A. Watson, H. D. F. Gaffin, C. L. Lambertson. Reserve: A. G. Hartle, D. G. Briggs.

Lay: P. While, A. F. Williams, L. P. Lawton. Reserve: D. K. Bellis, F. D. Lyon.

W. F. M. S.: Arletta Briggs. Reserve, Hattie Gaffin.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

W. Hoffman, Stanton, Michigan.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

C. L. Lambertson, Evart, Michigan.

RAILROAD SECRETARY

J. A. Watson, Alma, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,	C. S. Gitchell,	G. H. Joslin,	L. T. Jacokes,
D. G. Briggs,	H. D. F. Gaffin,	W. A. Caywood,	C. L. Lambertson,
C. M. DeFoe,	G. W. Carey,	A. G. Hartle,	F. K. Baker,
J. A. Allen,	B. W. McKibben,	S. W. Ingalls,	J. L. Hazeldine,
J. A. Hudnutt,	C. H. Harding,	W. B. Huff,	E. M. Russell,
E. Thirkettle,	S. H. Carpenter,	F. O. Wyman,	H. Toonder,
W. H. Bodine,	F. E. Stowell,	D. D. Hall,	J. E. Sanders,
J. A. Watson,	W. H. Switzer,	L. H. Hahn,	T. Baynton,
C. A. Gallop,	C. H. Prichard,	J. N. Bearss,	E. C. Bigelow,
W. Hoffman,	R. E. Raycraft,	T. M. Gallop,	M. C. Eddy,
W. D. Kingsley,	A. A. York,	J. B. Griswold,	G. W. Weidman,
J. W. Humphreys.	L. C. Fletcher,	J. A. Phillips,	J. E. McDonald,
G. A. McGrath,	C. A. Glass,	H. Rose,	S. A. Whitmore,
W. H. James,	J. A. Linscott.		

DELEGATES

A. C. Floyd,	B. Ensign,	W. Dancer,	J. Kinney,
L. P. Lawton,	A. F. Williams,	W. Cummings,	W. J. Kirker,
E. A. Williams,	F. D. Lyon,	C. Arrand,	F. T. Flewelling,
P. White,	W. Harding,	S. Stoddard,	J. D. Gregory,
W. Bunch,	A. L. Haywood,	D. Crossman,	F. Seiting,
F. Sprague,	P. Dickerson,	C. G. Miller,	J. Baise,
C. McIntire,	H. Raymond.	H. Bacon,	M. McDonald,
L. Webb,	G. W. Cappy.	C. Eidred,	S. Seman,
E. Johnson,	W. Glidden,	J. Fouts,	B. Blakely,
L. Johnston,	Emily Ruckle.	Sarah Jacokes,	Metta Wilkins,
Julia Hartman,	Carrie Hall,	Nettie Simonson,	Elizabeth Gregg,
Julia Danskin,	Sophia Durfee,	Mysie Somerville.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, F. O. Wyman, J. A. Hudnutt, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, A. C. Floyd, A. F. Williams, L. P. Lawton, E. A. Williams.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. R. Marston, G. W. Cappy, A. L. Haywood, W. D. Kingsley, Jr.

4. Who remain on trial? J. O. Hindes, E. B. Robbins, C. H. Bartlett, O. A. Ide, W. A. Miller, G. H. Akin, E. F. Garter.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. A. Glass, S. A. Whitmore, H. Rose.

6. Who are the deacons? G. A. McGrath, J. A. Linscott, T. Baynton, H. Toonder, C. A. Glass, S. A. Whitmore, H. Rose.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. G. Miller (local).

8. Who have located this year? W. H. Cole.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. H. Prichard, G. W. Carey, E. C. Bigelow, J. N. Bearss, J. A. Allen, J. L. Hazeldine, W. H. Switzer, T. Baynton, O. A. Ide.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, F. E. Stowell, B. W. McKibben, C. S Gitchell, W. H. James.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? S. H. Williams, on his certificate of standing.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. K. Baker, L. H. Hahn.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, $150; B. W. McKibben, $80; Minerva Snyder, $80; Hannah Gilpin and one child, $55; G. H. Joslin, $50; L. T. Jacokes, $40; Orpha Cope, $40; Maria Kaufman, $15; Margaret McLucas, $15. Total, $525.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location is left with the district elders, and shall be conducted in the form of a camp-meeting; the time to be as near the second Wednesday in August, 1907, as will suit the plan of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The North Michigan conference convened August 22, in a beautiful grove near Manton, Michigan, to hold its thirty-first annual session. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue was with us, as a conference, for the first time and received a hearty welcome. He ably conducted the business of the conference and with great liberty preached four times during the session. At the first roll call thirty-seven out of fifty three ministers responded and forty-seven delegates enrolled their names during the session. The following were invited to honorary seats from abroad: W. B. Olmstead, the editor of our Sabbath school literature; Sister Rose Cox, our missionary returned from India; G. W. Kiffer of the Oil City conference; W. T. Sumner of the East Michigan conference.

Sister Cox gave us such a practical talk on Sabbath afternoon about the needs of our mission fields that there was a hearty response of $433 in cash and subscriptions, more than double the amount brought forward at the last conference, notwithstanding the rain kept quite a number from attending the service. Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is laboring hard to keep the mission fields ever before the minds of the people and God is setting his seal to their labors.

The Traverse district preceded the conference session with a week of camp-meeting, which was a glorious preamble to the business of the conference. A large number came rushing to the altar and were soundly converted. Some persist in saying the Free Methodist church is dying out but I reiterate the words of our General Superintendent E. P. Hart, "It is the liveliest corpse I ever saw."

Five were ordained deacon and one elder on the Sabbath. There were eighty-seven subscriptions taken for the minutes of the conference. A collection of 15 cents per member was ordered taken for a Home Mission Fund, out of which W. Hoffman shall receive

$25 00, proportionately from the districts, and the remainder shall be in the hands of the district elders, subject to the action of the respective quarterly conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Grand Rapids District—F. O. Wyman, District Elder, Hart, Michigan.

Grand Rapids.....W. A. Caywood, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and Nunica.....W. T. Sumner, supply, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan.....J. W. Humphreys, Coopersville, "
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....E. Thirkettle, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs, Cortland and Cannonsburg.....W. H. Bodine, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Moreland.....W. B. Huff, Ravenna, "
Bradley and Gregoryville.....C. A. Gallup, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City.....G. W. Kiffer, supply, Coral, "
Ensley and Town Line.....G. H. Akin, Sand Lake, "
Altona, Rustford and Brady Lake.....G. W. Weidman, Altona, "
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....E. M. Russell, Lakeview, "
Milbrook and Broomfield.....J. Cox, supply, Milbrook, "
Weidman and Deerfield.....S. H. Carpenter, Weidman, "

W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, superannuated; H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent of the Spring Arbor Seminary; C. H. Prichard, supernumerary; F. K. Baker, given a certificate of standing.

Ionia District—J. A. Hudnutt, District Elder, Stanton, Michigan.

Grand Ledge and Eagle.....W. D. Kingsley, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Sunfield and Shaytown.....J. R. Marston, Sunfield, "
Morgan and Maple Grove.....W. A. Miller; Sarah Miller, supply, Morgan, "
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8.....M. C. Eddy, Hastings, "
Saranac and Berlin.....C. M. De Foe, Saranac, "
Orleans and Belding.....D. G. Briggs, Orleans, "

F. E. Stowell, B. W. McKibben, superannuated; G. W. Carey, E. C. Bigelow, J. N. Bearss, supernumerary. J. A. Hudnutt, member of the Ionia district quarterly conference.

Isabella District—J. A. Hudnutt, District Elder.

Clare.....J. E. McDonald, Clare, Michigan
Mt. Pleasant and Lincoln.....J. O. Hindes, Shepherd, "
Richland, Rock Lake and Edmore.....Ellen Burns, supply, Cedar Lake, "
Alma and Burns.....A. A. York, Alma, "
St. Louis, County Line and Bayes schoolhouse.....J. B. Griswold, St. Louis, "; Cora Griswold, supply
Elm Hall and Sumner.....J. A. Phillips, Elm Hall, "
Sand Ridge, Fishville and Evergreen.....E. Smith, supply
Stanton and Westville.....L. J. Hazeldine, supply, Stanton, Michigan
Greenville and Fenwick.....C. G. Miller, supply, Fenwick, "

R. E. Raycraft, left without appointment to attend Alma College; W. Hoffman, evangelist; W. H. James, superannuated; J. A. Allen, J. L. Hazeldine, supernumerary.

Big Rapids District—J. A. Watson, District Elder, Alma, Michigan.

Big Rapids and Barton.....C. A. Glass, Big Rapids, Michigan
Woodville and River.....J. Henry, supply, Woodville, "
Bristol and Ruckle schoolhouse.....A. C. Pratt, supply, Tustin, "
South Evart and Chippewa.....C. L. Lambertson, Evart, "
Fork, Barryton and Titus.....C. H. Harding, Barryton, "
Rose Lake and Harding.....H. Rose, Rose Lake, "
Cadillac.....L. C. Fletcher, Cadillac, "
Cherry Grove and Boon.....J. A. Linscott; Eliza Linscott, supply, Boon, "
Harrietta and Yuma.....T. M. Gallup, Harrietta, "
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....E. F. Garter, Meauwataka, "

C. S. Gitchell, superannuated; W. H. Switzer, O. A. Ide, supernumerary; W. H. Cole, given a certificate of location; J. A. Watson, member of the Big Rapids district quarterly conference.

Ludington District J. A. Watson, District Elder.

Ludington.....S. W. Ingalls, Ludington, Michigan
Custer, Scottville and Sugar Grove } G. A. McGrath. Custer, "
Bertha McGrath. supply
Pentwater and Hart.....L. E. Rennells. Pentwater, "
Walkerville, Elbridge and McLaren.....A. L. Haywood, Walkerville, "

T. Baynton, supernumerary.

Traverse District—J. E. Sanders, District Elder, Manton, Michigan.

Manton.....A. G. Hartle, Manton, Michigan
Lake City.....W. D. Kingsley, Jr., Lake City, "
Kingsley, Beitner and Traverse City.....C. H. Bartlett, Kingsley, "
Lodi and Kalkaska.....M. McDonald, supply. Kalkaska, "
Mancelona.....G. W. Cappy, Mancelona, "
Elmira and Vanderbelt.....W. H. Jury, supply, Elmira, "
East Jordan, Central Lake and Boyne.....W. Roush, supply, East Jordan, "
Pellston.....To be supplied
South Frankfort and Homestead.....E. B. Robbins. South Frankfort, Michigan
Empire.....J. N. Bodine, Empire, "
Williamsburg and Mable.....L. M. Orcutt, supply, Williamsburg, "

J. E. Sanders, member of the Traverse district quarterly conference.

Sault Ste Marie District—J. E. Sanders, District Elder.

Sault Ste Marie.....D. D. Hall, 529 Court street, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan
Hay Lake.....S. A. Whitmore; May Whitmore, supply. Rosedale, "
Dafter.....Margaret Bailey. supply, Dafter, "
St. Joseph Island.....L. H. Iles, supply. Richard's Landing. Ontario
Drummond Island.....H. Toonder, Drummond, Michigan

L. H. Hahn. given certificate of standing.

LOCAL ELDERS

G. H. Barrett. C. G. Miller.

LOCAL DEACONS

R. S. McClain,	F. T. Flewelling,	G. B. Havens,	D. McLachlan,
L. P. Lawton,	J. I. Dickinson,	L. J. Hazeldine,	S. W. Lawton,
E. A. Blodgett,	L. T. Wilson,	M. McDonald,	J. D. Gregory,
J. L. Snyder,	J. C. Smith,	W. G. Randles,	A. C. Pratt,
W. H. Jury,	J. Cox.		

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Sophia Durfee,	Ella Hoag,	Cora Griswold,	Bertha McGrath,
Rosetta Allen,	Mary J. Finch,	Zilpha C. Winn,	Ellen Burns,
Sarah Miller.	Lora Avery,	Margaret Bailey.	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $653.42.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $317.88.
General Missions —Assessed and paid, $64.90.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $176 60.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $88.30.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $282.56.
Foreign Missions.—Two receipts given by B. Winget, $358.58.
Children's Fund —$15.20.
Educational Fund.—$2.55.

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Churcl. Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT						$ 423 53					
Grand Rapids	....	....	$ 52 31	$ 2 30	550 27	$ 40 00	$ 15 00	1	$ 1500	1	$ 1200
Coopersville and Nunica	....	$ 70	14 00	1 60	296 00	40 00	.....	2	3000	1	1200
Fruitport, County Line, Sullivan	.....	....	30 00	1 15	237 24	33 92	.....	1	1200	1	400
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone	....	....	34 53	1 75	375 04	40 00	.....	2	1800	1	800
Cedar Springs Cortland, Cannonsburg	.....	....	48 50	4 90	505 00	63 00	3 00	2	2000	2	1000
Ravenna and Moreland	....	....	...	1 05	278 77	24 00	2 67	1	1000	1	500
Bradley and Gregoryville	....	....	6 10	1 40	283 28	24 00	20 21	1	800	1	600
Coral and Howard City	...	....	13 52	2 40	341 52	44 00	.....	2	2100	1	500
Ensley and Town Line	.....	..	29 50		225 00	20 00	... ...	2	1200	1	400
Stanwood, Brady Lake, Altona	....	.....	13 16	2 95	273 10	40 00	.....	3	1500	1	125
Lakeview and Six Lakes	....	.....	0 00	2 15	252 15	40 00	.....	1	500	1	600
IONIA DISTRICT						536 00					
Grand Ledge and Eagle	....	....	46 50	2 30	530 75	60 00	77 46	4	3500	1	1200
Sunfield and Shaytown	....	1 00	32 23	2 40	417 79	55 00	.....	2	2000	1	1000
Morgan and Maple Grove	.....	....	22 00	1 85	409 74	40 50	.....	2	1400	1	700
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8	.	....	16 00	1 50	346 65	37 50	.....	2	1400	1	1000
Saranac and Berlin	.....	....	8 00	1 40	325 00	28 00	.....	2	2000	1	300
Orleans and Belding	....	...	51 11	2 10	558 73	54 60	7 00	2	3400	1	700
ISABELLA DISTRICT											
Clare and Harrison	....	....	12 50	1 50	220 83	31 00	.....	1	1100	1	1000
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, County Line	....	...	36 00	2 30	350 00	44 00	... .	2	2200	1	800
Richland, Rock Lake and Edmore	..	....	11 45	35	105 42	12 40	.....	1	200	..	..
Alma and Burns	....	90	29 20	1 80	400 60	36 00	.. ....	1	1200	1	800
St. Louis	....	....	.....	75	94 07	22 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Elm Hall, Sumner, Sand Ridge	.....	....	30 47	1 85	390 10	40 00	.....	1	1200	1	300
Stanton, Fisbville and McBride	.....	....	.....	1 45	206 00	19 00	.....	3	2000	1	400
Greenville, Fenwick, Evergreen	....	....	12 00	1 45	227 90	20 00	.....	3	2000	..	.....
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT						470 00					
Big Rapids and Barton	....	....	.....	1 35	81 40	24 00	.....	1	400	1	400
Woodville and River	.....	.....	12 12	1 30	2 5 56	36 00	.....	2	1500	1	350
Wakerville and McLaren	...	2 00	41 43	1 05	283 00	24 20	.....	1	700	1	500
Ludington and Manistee	...	..	31 2	1 40	306 75	37 00	.....	1	1500	..	..
Custer and Scottville	....	.....	2 04	3 05	280 42	48 00	10 00	2	1500	1	500
Bristol and Ruckle schoolhouse	.....	....	15 24	1 25	153 75	20 00	.....	..	.....	1	400
South Evart and Chippewa	....	....	25 00	3 10	374 51	50 00	29 06	..	1800	1	600
Fork, Barryton and Titus	....	....	.....	2 25	205 00	34 00	.....	1	1400	1	500
Weidman and Deerfield	....	....	17 35	80	2 2 74	24 00	2 00	2	1500	1	350
Millbrook and Broomfield	..	....	....	80	195 42	24 00	.....	2	700	1	300
Rose Lake and Marion	.....	..	50 00	1 90	580 00	58 00	.....	1	700	1	500
Hart, Pentwater and Elbridge	....	.....	.....		166 00	16 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Cadillac	....	1 00	13 70	1 00	383 73	27 45	26 00	1	1500	1	1000
Cherry Grove, Boon, Harrietta	$ 2 55	.....	22 40	1 05	366 42	28 00	.....	1	800	1	150
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick	.....	2 50	23 52	1 00	289 57	50 00	.....	1	1000	1	600
TRAVERSE DISTRICT						453 34					
Manton	....	5 24	35 05	3 50	446 00	56 00	48 25	2	2300	1	1000
Lake City	....	...	.....	1 35	356 90	30 00	46 35	1	500	1	500
Kingsley, Beitner, Bates, Traverse City	....	....	19 00	2 00	328 05	32 00	.....	2	900	1	500
Lodi and Kalkaska	.....	.....	20 20	1 80	270 33	42 00	8 55	1	1200	1	250
Mancelona	.....	..	10 63	75	174 15	19 01	30 93	1	1000	..	.....
Elmira	....	.....	14 00	60	244 50	20 00	.....	1	800	..	.....
East Jordan, Central Lake, Boyne	..	96	11 21	1 05	269 86	26 82	36 95	1	100	1	300
South Frankfort and Homestead	.....	....	7 87	15	60 00	20 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Empire	..	.....	8 00	80	180 00	25 00	.....	1	500	..	.....
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT											
Sault Ste Marie	....	....	.....	2 15	553 12	42 00	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Hay Lake	.....	...	20 00	1 40	260 19	30 00	.....	1	500	..	.....
Dafter	....	..	10 00	40	67 75	22 00	.....	1	800	1	300
St. Joseph Island	...	1 00	10 00	1 60	267 11	32 95	.....	1	900	..	.....
Drummond Island	.....	....	6 01	70	113 25	16 26	....	1	1.00	..	.....
Total	$ 2 55	$15 30	$1012 26	$87 85	17654 41	$1783 11	$ 369 34	67	$ 64930	43	$2 625

Raised at conference for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $60.00.

Two receipts given by B. Winget for Foreign Missionary Claim, $22.30.

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GRAND RAPIDS, IONIA, AND ISABELLA DISTRICTS

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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT	F. O. Wyman, District Elder																	
Grand Rapids	W. A. Caywood	40	4	44	..	1	1	8	55	7	$ 17 02	$ 8 28	$ 6 90	$ 6 90	$ 4 60	$ 7 36	$ 24 00	.....
Coopersville and Nunica	W. T. Sumner, supply	27	2	29	3	..	1	6	15	10	11 84	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	5 12	10 25	.....
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan	E. F. Garter	29	4	33	..	..	1	6	45	8	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	.....
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone	S. H. Carpenter	32	3	35	..	..	1	7	50	5	12 95	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	.....
Cedar Springs, Cortland, Cannonsburg	J. W. Humphreys, J. O. Hindes	80	11	91	..	..	2	9	90	15	36 25	17 64	14 70	14 70	9 80	15 68	40 00	$ 26 00
Ravenna and Moreland	W. B. Huff	23	2	25	..	..	..	..	..	3	7 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 36	85	.....
Bradley and Gregoryville	G. H. Akin	26	2	28	1	..	1	5	20	7	10 86	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
Coral and Howard City	C. H. Harding	46	2	48	..	1	2	11	40	7	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	7 68	21 12	.....
Ensley and Town Line	E. B. Robbins	23	..	23	1	..	3	14	60	4	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	1 27	.....	15 00	.....
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona	C. A. Gallup	60	1	61	1	..	1	6	44	7	21 83	10 62	8 85	8 85	5 90	9 44	.....	.....
Lakeview and Six Lakes	J. L. Hazeldine	34	8	42	..	..	1	10	25	5	15 91	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	6 88	.....	.....
IONIA DISTRICT	J. A. Hudnutt, District Elder																	
Grand Ledge and Eagle	W. D. Kingsley	58	11	69	2	1	3	21	150	11	17 02	8 28	6 90	6 90	1 40	7 36	18 90	.....
Sunfield and Shaytown	J. R. Marston, supply	45	1	46	2	..	3	16	45	12	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	1 52	7 68	15 00	14 05
Morgan and Maple Grove	W. A. Miller, Sarah Miller, sup.	30	3	33	..	2	2	11	40	8	13 69	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	5 92	.....	35 00
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8	M. C. Eddy	37	6	43	1	..	1	8	30	3	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 80	.....	.....
Saranac and Berlin	J. E. McDonald	37	2	39	2	1	1	5	18	7	10 86	5 04	4 05	4 20	2 80	84	.....	9 06
Orleans and Belding	A. G. Hartle	67	6	73	..	..	2	20	85	29	30 34	14 76	4 10	12 30	8 20	13 12	44 75	26 30
ISABELLA DISTRICT	J. A. Hudnutt, District Elder																	
Clare and Harrison	W. H. James	28	6	34	2	1	1	9	32	3	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	.....	3 38	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, County Line	H. Rose	39	2	41	1	..	3	20	70	13	17 02	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	7 36	20 50	.....
Richland, Rock Lake and Edmore	J. B. Griswold	15	11	26	..	..	1	7	30	1	2 59	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	1 12	3 50	.....
Alma and Burns	C. M. DeFoe	39	2	41	1	..	2	10	25	10	13 82	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	5 76	10 00	.....
St. Louis	W. Hoffman	16	4	20	1	..	..	..	..	3	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	.....
Elm Hall, Sumner, and Sand Ridge	J. A. Phillips	45	3	48	..	1	3	21	90	9	13 69	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	5 92	10 60	.....
Stanton, Fishville and McBride	A. L. Haywood, supply	32	9	41	1	..	1	5	11	4	4 15	5 22	.....	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	.....
Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen	C. G. Miller, supply	26	6	32	..	..	2	8	40	5	8 48	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	.....	1 60	1 00

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BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT	J. A. Watson, District Elder																	
Big Rapids and Barton	L. J. Hazeldine, supply	20	2	22	1					2	$ 1 16	$ 4 86	$ 4 05	$ 4 05	$ 2 09	$ 4 32		
Woodville and River	E. Thirkettle	24		24			1	6	26	5	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16		
Walkerville and McLaren	C. H. Bartlett	27	3	30	1		3	28	104	4	12 21	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	5 28	$ 6 34	
Ludington and Manistee	S. W. Ingalls	35	3	38	1	1	1	8	40	6	10 36	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	4 48	23 00	
Custer and Scottville	D. D. Hall	57	3	60	2		2	12	60	6	22 57	10 98	9 15	9 15	6 10	1 01		
Bristol and Ruckle schoolhouse	A. C. Pratt, Abbie Pratt, sup.	23	3	26		1	2	12	45	4	9 25	4 50		3 75	66	4 00		
South Evart and Chippewa	C. L. Lambertson	63	4	67	3		3	12	90	7	22 94	11 16	9 30	9 30	6 20	9 92		
Fork, Barryton and Titus	J. Henry, supply	46	16	62	4		2	13	75	6	16 65	8 10		6 75	4 50	7 20		
Weidman and Deerfield	W. H. Switzer	20	1	21	1	1	1	5	23	4	5 92	2 88	1 40	2 40	1 60	2 56	4 00	
Milbrook and Broomfield	J. Cox, supply	17	3	20						1	3 17	3 06		2 55	1 70	2 72		
Rose Lake and Marion	A. A. York	55	7	62	2		2	15	60	7	11 34	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	18 00	
Hart, Pentwater and Elbridge	J. Bodine, supply	15		15						3	12 76							
Cadillac	L. C. Fletcher	24	5	29			1	7	25	9	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	2 75	
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harietta	T. M. Gallup	30	2	32	1		3	19	57	4	11 47	5 58		4 65	3 10	4 96	1 25	
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick	E. C. Bigelow	30	2	32	1		2	12	60	7	11 10	5 40		4 50	3 00	63	3 05	
TRAVERSE DISTRICT	D. G. Briggs, District Elder																	
Manton	W. H. Bodine	67	11	78	1	1	2	13	86	12	25 90	12 60	10 50	10 50	7 00	11 20		$ 41 82
Lake City	G. W. Weidman	24	4	28	1	1				3	9 99	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	4 32	10 64	
Kingsley, Beitner, Bates and Traverse City	G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply	37	12	49	2	1	2	10	55	12	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	1 00	
Lodi and Kalkaska	J. E. Sanders	34	2	36	1		2	10	40	6	13 32	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	5 76	3 64	
Mancelona	W. D. Kingsley, Jr., supply	13	1	14			1	5	20	1	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	1 27	1 05
Elmira	E. M. Russell	17	15	32			1	6	40		4 44	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	59		
East Jordan, Central Lake, Boyne	W. Roush, supply	26	8	34			2	11	40	11	7 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 36	4 27	
South Frankfort and Homestead	C. Ensign, supply	10	2	12	1		1	8	36	7	1 11	54	45	45	30	48	50	
Empire	J. A. Linscott, Eliza Linscott, supplies	14	2	16		1	1	6	25	1	2	2 88		2 40	1 60	2 56		
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT	D. G. Briggs, District Elder																	
Sault Ste Marie	L. H. Hahn	37		37	1	1	1	10	26	8	15 91	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	6 23		
Hay Lake	S. A. Whitmore, May Whitmore, supplies	26	8	34		1	2	9	40	3	10 36	5 04	77	4 20	2 80	4 48		
Dafter	O. A. Ide	5		5			1	4	15	2	2 96	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 28	20 50	
St. Joseph Island	W. G. Randles, supply	33	7	40	1		1	3	18	4	11 84	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	5 12		
Drummond Island	H. Toonder	11	2	13			1	3	16	2	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24		
Total		1754	239	1993	45	17	80	478	2147	336	$ 638 07	$ 320 94	$ 225 72	$ 266 40	$164 34	$358 58	$ 336 28	$214 28

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Osgood, Missouri, September 5-9, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*
L. B. REBER, *Secretary.* CHANDOS SMUTZ, *Assistant Secretary.*
SHIRLEY SMUTZ, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, Chandos Smutz, O. T. Gregory.
On Sunday-schools—J. H. Gray, A. Stokesberry, W. S. Stephens.
On Publications—A. W. Nichoalds, Robert Medlock, A. E. Smith.
On Reforms—Robert Medlock, A. Stokesberry, A. W. Nichoalds.
On Education—D. W. Reed, J. H. Thompson, O. T. Gregory.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—Jennie Needles.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. E. Smith.
To Solicit Subscriptions to the General Conference Daily—Frank Smutz.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—A. Stokesberry. *On Publications*—Chandos Smutz.
On Education—L. B. Reber. *On Reforms*—R. Medlock.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

L. B. Reber, Chandos Smutz, Shirley Smutz.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Medlock, president; C. Smutz, secretary; S. Smutz, treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions and Church Extension.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Chandos Smutz,	L. B. Reber,	R. Medlock,	Shirley Smutz,
A. Stokesberry,	Leslie True,	A. D. Sprouse,	J. R. Bales,
O. T. Gregory,	Frank Smutz.		

DELEGATES

E. A. Smith,	W. S. Stephens,	Charles Dickey,	J. H. Berkshire,
Jennie Needles,	Mary Barnett,	Eva Shoemaker,	A. W. Nichaolds,
Harrison Hull,	Alice Weedon.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, Shirley Smutz, Chandos Smutz, W. S. Stephens, J. R. Thompson.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? D. W. Reed, J. H. Gray.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? O. T. Gregory, Frank Smutz.

6. Who are the deacons? O. T. Gregory, Frank Smutz.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. Stokesberry.

8. Who have located this year? H. H. Sperry.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Bales, A. D. Sprouse.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? L. B. Reber.

11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? L. B. Reber, $100.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At St. Joseph, Missouri, as near the first Wednesday in August, 1907, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a camp meeting and proved a precious season of grace. Many were converted or sanctified. Several young men took work in the conference. For the first time in a number of years, there were enough preachers to supply all the circuits.

A conference W. F. M. S. was organized and about fifty new members were obtained.

The preachers go to work, full of courage and faith. The conference collections were raised in full.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the West Iowa conference, was present in the interests of the publishing house.

APPOINTMENTS

St. Joseph District—Shirley Smutz, District Elder.

St. Joseph ..... D. W. Reed
High Prairie and Mound City ..... S. M. Henry, supply
Albany ..... To be supplied
Ridgway and Sharon Chapel ..... Chandos Smutz
Mercer ..... A. Stokesberry
Chillicothe and Mooresville ..... Frank Smutz
Sedalia and Hazel Dell ..... Leslie True

J. R. Bales, supernumerary; A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to prepare for mission work in China.

Hannibal District—R. Medlock, District Elder.

Hannibal ..... A. W. Nichaolds, supply
Ashburn ..... Charles Wickam, supply
Rhineland and Portland ..... A. E. Smith, supply
Luray, Center Chapel and Acasto ..... O. T. Gregory

L. B. Reber, superannuated; H. H. Sperry, granted a certificate of location at his own request. The quarterly conference relation of R. Medlock is on the Hannibal district.

Green City District—R. Medlock, District Elder.

Mt. Olive, Pollock and Kiddville ..... J. H. Gray
Osgood ..... To be supplied
College Mound ..... To be supplied

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $15.55.
General Superintendents' Claim.—Assessed and paid, $18.82.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $19.80.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $7.90.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $57.11.
Home Missions.—Assessed and paid, $13.95.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $18.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

In the providence of God the members of the Missouri conference are met together once more, in annual session, and we the committee on the state of the work, would submit the following report:

After looking back over the year which is now closing, we rejoice that we can say the work in this conference has taken several steps forward. In spirituality, a number of societies have reached a plane, never before attained to in their experience. New societies have been organized and old ones have been strengthened by additions to the membership. A great work has been accomplished at Fairview, under the labors of the pastor, J. H. Gray, assisted by O. T. Gregory; and at Ridgeway, under the labors of S. M. Henry and others.

In a few places there has been a decrease in membership, yet we find that in the sum total we have an increase of at least seventy members. Most of the circuits have paid their preachers larger salaries than before, and the elders' receipts have been satisfactory.

A general revival spirit seems to pervade the life of both ministry and laity. Our camp-meetings this year have been the best ever known here—not only times of refreshing, but of soul-saving. Several young ministers have called for work, and for the first time in several years we have a sufficient number of preachers to supply the circuits. One church was purchased and two new ones are being built. The work throughout the conference is in an encouraging condition, for which we praise the Lord.

III.—ON REFORMS.

If there was ever a time when we needed a reform it is now. In the political, commercial and religious world a general awakening needs to take place. We do not promise religion in a reform, but reform in religion. A reform may exist without religion, but religion, "pure and undefiled," is always accompanied by a reformation of life. We therefore submit the following for your consideration:

The Liquor Traffic.—One of the darkest curses that exists in the world, is the liquor traffic. The more we study this subject the more we are convinced of its evil.

First, we think of the expenditure of money for strong drink, $1,227,000,000 being our annual drink bill. But this is not the worst of it. The suffering of humanity—one hundred thousand souls annually fill a drunkard's grave. This is appalling. When we stop to consider the suffering of destitute children and broken-hearted mothers, how dare we remain silent? Let us ever cry out against this awful curse.

It hath been said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We answer, "No man liveth to himself." And God hath said. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink" (Hab. 2:15). We help to give our neighbors drink when we countenance in any way the liquor traffic. We believe every Christian should live for fallen humanity, and when we live for them it will be when we take a stand for prohibition. We believe it is morally wrong for us to give our vote and political influence to any party that will endorse, or countenance the liquor traffic. Brethren, let us work, vote and pray for prohibition. And may the God of peace help us to win in this great cause. We thank God for our Zion, a Prohibition church. The best of all God has made us so.

Secret Societies.—We believe the system of secret societies as it exists to-day, to be very selfish, and contrary to the Bible and the Christian religion. Secret societies are selfish in their nature, false in their teaching and hypocritical in their pretensions. We believe the position taken by our church toward secret societies is right and scriptural, and should be maintained regardless of the cost.

Payment of Debts.—This is a subject worthy of careful consideration. By a debt, we mean that which we owe another person. Debts are contracts or obligations usually voluntarily made, and are equally binding, in a moral sense, whether they be verbal, written or secured. They should be met cheerfully and promptly by all, but especially by Christians. We recognize the authority of the Bible, "Owe no man anything" (Rom. 13:8); and again, "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again" (Psa. 37:21). We also believe in adhering to our Discipline, where it condemns "borrowing without a probability of paying, or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them." Some are honestly in debt, but we fear that many are far too careless in this respect, and thereby stand in their own way

of usefulness. They continue to buy, and get in debt far beyond their income, without any possibility of ever paying. This is a serious condition and should be avoided, in order to retain a standing among men, which is a very important thing to be considered from any standpoint. We do not condemn honest persons in financial reverses, but believe they should see their creditors and make satisfactory arrangement for the payment of their debts. We believe in living by the "Golden Rule."

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The object of this report is to keep the subject before the church, and stir up a greater interest in this work. The object of the Sabbath-school is to impart an intellectual and a spiritual knowledge of the word of God. We desire to impress upon the minds of all that the Sabbath-school is for the grown people, as well as for the young, and that the grown people are very much needed in the Sabbath-school. The lessons impressed on the minds and hearts of Sabbath-school pupils are a great means of forming their characters for life. The early impressions on the mind and heart are the most lasting and satisfactory. It would be well for us to remember that the Apostle Paul said to Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures."

We believe the teachers should be spiritual persons; because those not enlightened by the Holy Spirit could not teach spiritual and practical religion, and furthermore would not manifest the interest in their classes which they should; besides, they might teach erroneous doctrine. The school should be made attractive to all. While we could not encourage worldly conformity, we insist that our churches be kept clean internally and externally.

We believe the best literature is that which is the purest. We heartily recommend our own Free Methodist literature, published by our publishing house in Chicago. We believe we should keep the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the Sunday-school, as well as in the church services. Parents should attend the Sabbath-school with their children, for many times when the parents stay away, the children think, "If I was grown I would not have to attend the Sunday-school."

BENEFITS.—When the Bible is taught under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, those receiving the instruction are earlier led to Christ and saved, and are better qualified to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life; and having a knowledge of the Scriptures and of spiritual things, make stronger men and women for God.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT											
St. Joseph	....	....	$ 10 00	$ 40	$ 225 00	$ 27 45	.....	1	$ 1200	..	.....
Burlington Junction, High Prairie	.....	.....	7 78	...	76 23	21 12	$ 4 15	1	500	1	$ 200
Mound City and Craig	$ 20	$ 20	.....	.....	13 71	25 45	12 15	1	500	..	.....
BETHANY DISTRICT											
Albany	....	....	.....	30	.....	46 57	.....	1	1000	1	800
Sharon Chapel	....	....	.....	70	12 00	59 37	.....	1	700	1	100
Mercer	....	....	16 62	1 50	327 12	51 50	32 50	1	1000	1	350
Chillicothe and Mooresville	....	....	45 00	15	80 68	13 65	.....	1	1200	1	600
Higginsville and Hazel Dell	.....	.....	6 68	25	98 37	19 50	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Ridgeway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00	..	.....	..	.....
HANNIBAL DISTRICT											
Hannibal	....	.....	.....	...	.....	14 00	25 00	1	1500	1	700
Ashburn	....	.....	25 00	85	78 57	34 70	60 00	1	750	1	600
Rhineland, Portland, Steadman	....	....	10 00	75	.....	21 36	15 00	1	600	1	300
Luray, Center Chapel, Acasto	.....	.....	.....	70	235 00	25 05	.....	..	.....	..	.....
GREEN CITY, MT. OLIVE AND POLLOCK DISTRICTS											
Mt. Olive and Pollock	.....	.....	12 00	1 30	299 66	35 08	30 00	..	.....	1	500
Osgood and Vernon	....	....	11 00	1 10	180 15	50 59	20 00	1	800	1	400
College Mound	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 20	$ 20	$ 144 08	$ 8 00	$1626 48	$ 445 39	$ 249 80	11	$ 9750	10	$ 4550

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, BETHANY, HANNIBAL, GREEN CITY, MT. OLIVE AND POLLOCK DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT	*Shirley Smutz, Dist. Elder																	
St. Joseph	D. W. Reed	13	9	22	..	..	1	8	30	5	$ 2 96	$ 1 44	$ 1 20	$ 1 20	$ 80	$ 1 28	$ 1 50	.....
Burlington Junction and High Prairie	Henry Robertson	6	..	6	..	..	1	7	40	2	.....	2 16	.....	1 80	.....	1 92	.....	.....
Mound City and Craig	C. W. Lent	12	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	4	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 30	1 50	2 48	1 15	.....
BETHANY DISTRICT	Shirley Smutz, District Elder																	
Albany	Shirley Smutz	6	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	4	2 22	1 08	90	90	60	96	.....	.....
Sharon Chapel	Shirley Smutz	14	..	14	1	..	1	6	40	6	10 86	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
Mercer	A. S. Stokesberry	21	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	9	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	.....
Chillicothe and Mooresville	S. B. Leatherman	10	3	13	..	..	1	7	53	1	1 11	54	45	45	30	48	.....	.....
Higginsville and Hazel Dell	Frank Smutz	5	1	6	..	..	1	5	20	2	1 85	90	75	75	50	80	.....	.....
Ridgeway	S. M. Henry, supply	22	3	25	..	..	..	..	..	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HANNIBAL DISTRICT	*Chandos Smutz, Dist. Elder																	
Hannibal	Chandos Smutz	20	5	25	1	2	1	4	25	3	3 28	.....	.....	3 30	..	3 52	.....	.....
Ashburn	Chandos Smutz	16	2	18	..	2	1	4	50	4	6 29	3 06	.....	2 70	1 70	2 40	.....	.....
Rhineland, Portland and Steadman	Chandos Smutz	24	8	32	1	..	1	4	25	4	7 23	4 32	3 75	3 75	53	3 84	.....	.....
Luray, Center Chapel and Acasto	Robert Medlock	25	..	25	2	1	1	5	30	5	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
GREEN CITY, MT. OLIVE AND POLLOCK DISTRICTS	Chandos Smutz																	
Mt. Olive and Pollock	J. H. Gray	36	27	63	1	..	2	14	60	7	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	.....
Osgood and Vernon	O. T. Gregory	23	3	26	2	..	2	14	40	8	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	.....
College Mound		2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		255	61	316	12	5	13	78	413	87	$ 76 39	$ 35 28	$ 25 20	$ 33 05	$ 16 83	$ 34 64	$ 2 65	.....

*Received $40.00 from General Mission Board.

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session, held at Danville, Illinois, September 12-16, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

J. B. LUTZ, *Secretary.* A. F. NISWONGER, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. V. MILLER, *Statistician.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, John A. Watson, D. S. Moore, S. H. Lewis.

On Church Literature—D. S. Moore, W. V. Miller, Isaac Kesler.

On Reforms—H. J. McKinnell, H. B. Ambler, William McGrayel.

On State of the Work—John A. Watson, D. S. Moore.

On Sabbath-schools—Nellie Allen, A. F. Niswonger.

On Education—U. S. Ferguson, J. F. Erwin, William Haynes.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Robbins, H. C. Duvall.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. G. McVey.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. G. McVey, E. T. Corson, S. J. Whicker.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, John A. Watson, D. S. Moore, Isaac Kesler, Elias Lewis.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

S. H. Lewis, for one year; Daniel Kesler, for two years; Elias Lewis, for three years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for four years; John A. Watson, president, for five years.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

U. G. Hoover, for five years; D. S. Moore, for four years; John A. Watson, for three years; A. F. Niswonger, for two years; U. S. Ferguson, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Robbins, president, Westfield, Illinois; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer, Belmont, Illinois; A. F. Niswonger, John Emmons, H. C. Duvall.

DIRECTORS OF THE CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID ASSOCIATION

D. S. Moore, C. A. Fleming, U. S. Ferguson, W. G. McVey, Isaac Kesler.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Conference Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, General Superintendents' Fund and Permanent Fund.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

U. S. Ferguson, Urbana, Illinois.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—H. B. Ambler. *On Education*—U. G. Hoover.

On Church Literature—C. A. Fleming. *On Sunday-schools*—C. W. Haney.

On State of the Work—D. S. Moore.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. W. V. Miller, president, Oxford, Indiana; Mrs. Mattie McDaniels, vice-president; Mrs. Marsalina Lutz, secretary, Terre Haute, Indiana; Miss Daisy Fritchie, treasurer, Flat Rock, Illinois, R. F. D.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnell,	A. F. Niswonger,
D. S. Moore,	U. S. Ferguson,	J. B. Hull,	S. P. Mercer,
E. T. Corson,	J. B. Lutz,	J. L. Duvall,	G. W. Gilkison,
W. V. Miller,	W. G. McVey,	R. F. Durham,	C. A. Fleming,
A. P. Harrell,	S. H. Lewis,	John A. Watson,	H. B. Ambler,
J. F. Erwin,	C. W. Haney.		

DELEGATES

Isaac Kesler,	Mary Emerson,	Rebecca Perigo,	Amos Shaw,
Lizzie Stewart,	H. C. Duvall,	S. J. Whicker,	Elias Lewis,
Phillip Scherb,	James McCabe,	John Emmons,	George Boley,
W. H. Delbridge,	William Haynes,	Nellie Allen,	J. K. Tevalt,
William McGrayel.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, John A. Watson, D. S. Moore, Isaac Kesler, Elias Lewis.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Richard A. Watson.

4. Who remain on trial? Joseph H. Jones.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? H. B. Ambler, J. L. Duvall, G. W. Gilkison, R. F. Durham, C. W. Haney, J. F. Erwin, W. V. Miller, of the first class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? A. W. Brant.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. E. Robbins.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. H. Keys, J. B. Hull.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? U. G. Hoover, from the North Indiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. H. Keys, $90.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At West Salem, Illinois, beginning as near the last week in August, 1907, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session was well attended. Pastor Lewis and his loyal society were abundant in labors in providing entertainment.

A beautiful spirit of love and harmony prevails among our brethren. The pastors gave themselves up to hard and earnest effort on their circuits the past year and their reports show splendid gains on every line.

General Superintendent B. R. Jones expedited business to the satisfaction of all and preached three times with great unction and power. A number of persons were saved and sanctified in the evening services.

Rev. John A. Watson, district elder for the past eight years, goes to Wisconsin for his health. Rev. A. J. Smith, of the Central Illinois conference, takes work with us.

Sixty dollars was raised on Sabbath morning for Home Missions; also $350 was subscribed on the new parsonage at Danville in the same service.

An interesting missionary service was held Sabbath afternoon and $122 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

The spirit of aggressiveness has taken hold of our conference. We expect to "enlarge our tent" the coming year.

APPOINTMENTS

Attica District—D. S. Moore, District Elder, Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Attica, Antioch and Black Rock ..... U. G. Hoover
LaFayette and Frankfort ..... H. J. McKinnell
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton and Pine Village ..... W. V. Miller; Minnie Miller, supply
Marshfield ..... R. F. Durham
Rankin ..... To be supplied
Bethel, Henning and Hoopeston ..... J. F. Erwin
Urbana and Rantoul ..... U. S. Ferguson
Danville ..... S. H. Lewis

A. P. Harrell, evangelist; J. A. Watson, left without appointment at his request. D. S. Moore, member of Attica district quarterly conference.

Westfield District—D. S. Moore, District Elder.

Westfield, Casey and Sidel ..... Richard A. Watson
Pleasant Grove and Janesville ..... A. J. Smith, supply
Neoga, Kingman and Charleston ..... E. T. Corson
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo ..... C. W. Haney

E. E. Robbins, supernumerary.

Wabash District—C. A. Fleming, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

West Salem, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion and Immanuel ..... G. W. Gilkison
Belmont and Mt. Carmel ..... R. C. McDaniels, Mattie McDaniels, supplies
Vincennes, Lawrenceville and Decker ..... W. G. McVey
Birds, Bee Branch and Island ..... J. L. Duvall
Victory and Dark Bend ..... To be supplied
Clay City and Ashboro ..... S. P. Mercer
St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope ..... H. B. Ambler
Woods' Chapel ..... To be supplied
Terre Haute ..... J. B. Lutz

J. H. Keys, J. B. Hull, superannuated; A. W. Brant, located according to ¶ 85, membership placed at West Salem; C. A. Fleming, member Wabash district quarterly conference.

Evansville District—C. A. Fleming, District Elder

Evansville, Ft. Branch and Yankeetown ..... A. F. Niswonger
Tennyson, Bloomfield and Millstone ..... Joseph H. Jones

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

For Publishing the Minutes.—$27.30.
Church Extension Fund.—Collected, $77.60
General Missions Fund.—Collected, $118.65
General Superintendents' Fund.—Collected, $143.28.
Conference Missions.—Collected, $9.18, paid to ingoing pastor of the Neoga circuit.
Foreign Missions.—Raised by pastors, $57.17.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$470.60.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Collected, $289.45.
Permanent Fund.—Collected, $34.45.
Children's Fund.—$34.14.
Educational Fund.—$11.12.

II.—ON REFORMS.

"A blessing on reformers,
By them mankind progress.
Though their own age will curse them
The coming one will bless."

Since depravity has so many avenues of manifesting, and also of disguising itself, there surely is need that with clarion voice men proclaim the word of the Lord against everything that God calls sin, especially where in its organized forms, hand seems joined to hand in a covenant with death, and an agreement with hell to damn a race with false religion, drown men in intemperance, stultify their conscience in secret oath-bound allegiance to the world of darkness, gallop them along the broad way of pride, and cut them off at last in either despair or blinded delusion. We note that false religions, Satan's counterfeit, as Romanism, Mormonism and formalism in all its various garbs, be warned against; fanaticism also. In the language of Rutherford:

"Let them, O Lord, thy servants dare,
Thy truth in all its power to tell,
Unmask the priestly thieves and tear
Thy Bible from the grasp of hell."

But while attending to the negatives of righteousness, let us remember that ours is a positive religion and we are called to spread that holiness which keeps all worldliness in garb or spirit laid aside; which causes us, on the one hand to vote the Prohibition ticket, and on the other, reclaim the fallen, lead them to the Rock of experimental pardon, and to the cleansing blood, that carnality with its covetousness, that holds back the Lord's own tithe; that caters to pride; that loves lust; that seeks to be amused at all costs; that disobeys parental authority; holds lightly conjugal affection; breaks the Sabbath; neglects the Bible, family and secret prayer; be burned out of the heart by the Holy Ghost. The one great means to this end is a greater baptism of the Holy Ghost; and the means, various, but absolutely necessary, are waiting on God in prevailing prayer, giving ourselves wholly to his work, yielding an undivided heart service to him, till we more deeply feel the infinite worth and need of immortal souls, the majesty of divine law and the fulness of divine love.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Some one has said that "knowledge is power." It may be a power either for evil or good, according to the moral character of the motive that actuated the possessor in attaining it. He who knows the most may be the greatest factor for evil because of his superior ability in devising ways and means for the accomplishment of the pernicious ends he has in view. On the other hand he who has attained to the highest degree of knowledge under the blessing of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit may accomplish the greatest good, because of possessing superior capabilities and more numerous channels through which the Holy Spirit may operate. Having developed a strong intellect and a trained and well-directed mind, greater resources are at his command, all of which may become mighty forces for the accomplishment of virtuous ends.

Many men of noble Christian character are seriously hindered in their efforts to elevate mankind because of the littleness of their knowledge. We have learned by too sad an experience that ignorance is not bliss, but rather is an obstacle in the way of our greater usefulness. It is not, however, an immovable one, for by careful application, persistent effort, a determined mind, a fixed purpose, together with the help of the Holy Spirit giving directness of aim and solidity of character and an indomitable will it may be removed. Rev. William Pearce said in a recent article published in the *Free Methodist*, "Many a man

has constructed a college for himself by making the most of the helps around him, and has climbed up out of the place where ignorance has sway, and bidden farewell to her forever." The Papists cry up ignorance as the mother of devotion. Rev. A. L. Whitcomb of Greenville College says: It is our duty to cry it down as the mother of superstition."

God's promise to ancient Israel was, "I will give you pastors according to mine heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." St. Paul said to Timothy, his son in the gospel, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Since the Christian ministry is the most important work in which it is possible to engage, being allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel as ministers, we should seek to become the most knowing of men.

Mr. Spurgeon said: "The solemn work with which the Christian ministry concerns itself demands a man's all and that all at its best; to engage in it half-heartedly is an insult to God and man." Possibly the time was when a minister could succeed fairly well with an education not superior to that of the average school boy of fifteen years now; but that time is past. We are living in a day when we can not hope to succeed except we give our calling the best efforts of which we are capable.

The importance and responsibility that attaches to the Christian ministry demand that special and thorough preparation be made. To meet this demand God in his wisdom and grace has supplied us as a denomination with eight salvation schools, viz., one college whose motto is "Education for character," and seven seminaries. For these institutions of learning we are devoutly thankful. To these we can send our children not fearing that the destructive principles of Darwinism and higher criticism resulting in infidelity pure and simple will be instilled into their minds.

We believe that the same apology that existed for the formation of our church may also be argued for the origin and maintenance of our schools. Let us labor that they may be centers of spiritual as well as intellectual power. We trust the time will soon come when every member of the faculty of our schools will be members of the Free Methodist church, who enjoy the baptism with the Holy Ghost, which is the only and true safeguard against the encroachments of the destructive heresies that infest too many of the educational institutions of our land.

IV.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Since literature of every kind is being scattered over our land, we as a people are responsible, so far as our influence goes, for the kind of literature read. Our constant effort should be to place before all that kind which will lead to a higher and holier life. We have much to be thankful for in regard to the excellent selections of books sold by our publishing house. We heartily endorse the organ of our church, the *Free Methodist*, and urge our preachers to diligently present its claims to their people. It should be in the home of every Free Methodist family. Its weekly visits bring to us clean Bible holiness teaching and its no uncertain sound on reforms can not be too highly estimated. We would advise our people not to purchase books or to subscribe for papers on religious lines without first making inquiry concerning the soundness of their teaching. Owing to the persistent efforts and the deceptive methods employed by these people, we would sound a warning against the Seventh-day Adventist works published at Battle Creek, Michigan, and the works of Charles Russell, published by the Watch Tower Tract Society at Allegheny, Pennsylvania; also the Gospel Trumpet publications. These contain pernicious teachings and should be avoided by all lovers of sound doctrine.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WABASH CONFERENCE

ATTICA, WESTFIELD, WABASH, AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ATTICA DISTRICT	John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
Attica and Antioch	U. G. Hoover	32	6	38	1	..	2	16	78	7	$ 14 66	$ 6 84	....	$ 5 70	$ 3 80	$ 6 08	.....	$ 16 76
Black Rock	N. S. Ogborn, supply	5	9	14	....	..	1	5	40	2	2 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....
LaFayette and Frankfort	U. S. Ferguson	28	2	30	..	1	1	10	50	7	10 36	5 04	.....	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	29 50
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton and Pine Village	W. V. Miller	46	4	50	2	1	4	20	175	10	11 10	5 40	$ 1 68	4 50	3 00	4 80	$ 9 40	28 00
Marshfield	R. F. Durham	38	10	48	3	2	1	8	40	11	16 28	7 92	.....	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	21 00
Rankin	Supplied	5	...	5	....	..	..	....	....	1	2 59	1 26	.....	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
Bethel, Henning and Hoopeston	J. F. Erwin	37	7	44	1	..	3	21	130	14	13 69	6 66	.....	5 55	3 70	5 92	13 25	11 00
Urbana and Rantoul	H. J. McKinnell	24	7	31	..	..	1	6	38	12	8 88	4 32	4 51	3 60	2 40	3 84	28 75	38 36
Hillery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danville and Sidell	S. H. Lewis	54	6	60	..	..	2	14	95	10	13 69	6 66	.....	5 55	3 70	5 92	.....	.....
WESTFIELD DISTRICT	John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
Westfield, Casey and Pleasant Grove	J. B. Lutz	78	19	97	..	..	5	34	195	19	16 28	7 92	.....	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	.....
Neoga, Kingman and Charleston	C. W. Haney	39	...	39	1	1	1	6	35	7	14 80	7 20	.....	6 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo	E. E. Robbins	16	.	16	.	1	..	....	....	1	6 54	3 24	.....	2 76	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
WABASH DISTRICT	D. S. Moore, District Elder																	
W. Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope, Immanuel	H. B. Ambler	73	14	87	..	..	4	20	160	7	26 10	14 94	.....	12 45	8 30	13 28	.....	12 00
Belmont and Mt. Carmel	E. T. Corson	43	7	50	..	..	2	12	95	10	15 54	7 56	.....	6 30	4 20	6 72	6 00	..
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Decker	W. G. McVey	71	8	79	2	..	2	10	80	10	18 13	8 82	.....	7 35	4 90	7 84	5 61	.....
Birds, Bee Branch and Island	J. L. Duvall	59	8	67	2	..	4	20	125	17	17 39	8 46	.....	7 05	4 70	7 52	4 31	58 60
Victory and Dark Bend	Supplied	11	..	11	....	..	1	5	25	....	4 07	1 98	.....	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	..
Clay City and Ashboro	S. P. Mercer	66	7	73	..	..	2	10	60	11	23 31	11 34	.....	9 45	6 30	10 08	430 00	6 65
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	G. W. Gilkison	31	1	32	..	..	3	18	90	11	9 62	4 68	.....	3 90	2 60	4 16	2 00	14 62
Wood's Chapel	Supplied	2	1	3	..	1	1	5	25	....	74	36	.....	30	20	32	.....	.....
Terre Haute	C. A. Fleming	39	3	42	1	2	1	9	35	6	7 40	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	20 88	21 26
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT	D. S. Moore, District Elder																	
Evansville and Fort Branch	A. F. Niswonger	35	5	40	2	1	3	19	60	7	14 80	7 20	.....	6 00	4 00	6 40	22 10	.....
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown and Millstone	Jos. H. Jones	79	10	89	2	..	3	20	125	13	24 05	11 70	.....	9 75	6 50	10 40	35 10	20 55
Total	.....	911	134	1045	17	10	47	288	1756	193	$ 291 64	$ 143 00	$ 9 19	$ 119 31	$ 78 00	$121 58	$ 606 60	$278 30

WABASH CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT											
Attica and Antioch	....	$ 2 10	$ 32 00	....	$ 473 20	$ 58 45	$ 20 55	2	$ 3000	1	$ 2500
Black Rock					31 77	30 00					
LaFayette and Frankfort	$ 1 50	1 50	35 00	.....	425 00	50 00	34 04	2	1300	1	500
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton and Pine Village	.....	...	65 00	$ 30	409 00	45 85	140 92	4	5500	1	600
Marshfield	...	4 05	27 23	75	391 71	50 00	54 85	1	1000	1	800
Rankin	.....	.		.....	...	7 00	.....	1	600	...	...
Bethel, Henning and Hoopeston	..	1 90	43 48	. .	500 00	70 25	78 25	3	3000	1	1100
Urbana and Rantoul	1 00	2 70	28 00	.....	584 36	85 00	170 00	2	2500	2	2500
Hillery	...	....		.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	..	.....
Danville and Sidell	.....	.....	95 19	.....	424 49	70 20	.....	2	6000	1	2000
WESTFIELD DISTRICT											
Westfield, Casey, Pleasant Grove	.....	3 24	87 82	14 00	425 11	56 64	282 86	5	4700	1	1200
Neoga, Kingman and Charleston	.....	.....	15 60	.....	301 01	41 11	18 90	3	2500	1	700
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 51	40 25	15 00	3	2300	1	600
WABASH DISTRICT											
W. Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope and Immanuel	.....	.....	37 58	.....	417 72	56 00	63 00	4	3000	1	500
Belmont and Mt. Carmel	.....	5 06	53 46	.....	417 66	40 17	57 14	2	2300	1	600
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Decker	5 62	..	50 00	30	492 40	46 10	48 90	2	2000	1	650
Birds, Bee Branch and Island	3 00	7 31	25 00	.....	431 61	55 45	64 23	3	2000	1	700
Victory and Dark Bend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1000	..	.....
Clay City and Ashboro	.....	6 32	28 51	.....	437 88	65 25	35 00	2	3000	1	1000
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	.....	.....	50 00	.....	351 35	46 46	18 87	3	2600	1	1000
Wood's Chapel	.....	.	6 00	....	.....	6 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Terre Haute	.....	1 50	31 02	50	504 02	34 50	4 00	1	1000	..	.....
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville and Fort Branch	.....	.....	24 94	1 50	485 00	50 00	22 95	2	2900	2	1275
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown and Millstone	.....	.....	24 35	.....	225 00	80 00	55 00	3	1700	2	700
Total	$11 12	$35 68	$ 759 88	$17 35	$7794 80	$1084 68	$1185 46	52	$ 53900	21	$18925

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Ridgeway, Ontario, August 22-25, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

M. S. BENN, *Secretary.* J. M. EAGLE, *Assistant Secretary.*

T. A. DRURY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, J. M. Eagle, Daniel Toole, Samuel Baxter.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, J. M. Eagle, A. H. Norrington, William Demill, Thomas Moorhouse.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. H. Iles, M. O. Coates, Samuel Rogers, J. W. Winans.

On Publications—John Timbers, M. S. Benn, R. A. Coates.

On Sabbath-schools—A. H. Norrington, D. H. McCallum, L. H. Iles.

On Education—S. Rogers, H. Mellor, T. L. Fletcher.

On Reforms—J. A. Fletcher, William Demill, G. Causley.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—D. Allan.

On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—A. H. Norrington, M. S. Benn.

On Evangelist's Benefit Fund—A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, T. A. Drury.

To Receive and Disburse Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference—T. A. Drury, A. H. Norrington, J. A. Fletcher.

To Settle with Claimants—T. A. Drury.

To Confer with the East Ontario Conference in View of Founding a Seminary in Canada—A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—R. A. Coates. *On Education*—L. H. Iles.

On Sabbath-schools—E. E. Loveless. *On Reforms*—J. W. Winans.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; M. O. Coates, secretary; S. Rogers, H. Mellor, Rufus Stuart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. S. Benn, president, for three years; J. Rogers, for two years; M. O. Coates, secretary, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. H. Norrington, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; T. S. Moorhouse, treasurer; G. B. Teal, Rufus Stuart.

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president; A. H. Norrington, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer; Henry Mellor, Rufus Stuart.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (2) General Missions; second quarter, (2) Conference Missions (15 cents), (2) Permanent Fund (5 cents), (3) Delegates Expenses to General Conference (16 cents); third quarter, (1) Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference (20 cents), (2) Church Extension; fourth quarter, (2) Conference Claimants' Fund, (2) Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offering).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Agnes Benn, president, Galt, Ontario; Mrs. E. A. Wees, first vice-president, Sarnia, Ontario; Mrs. Esther Brown, second vice-president, Meaford, Ontario; Mrs. Mary Rogers, third vice-president, Charlemont, Ontario; Miss Delia Sinden, secretary; Miss Nellie Whittaker, treasurer, 80 Ontario street, Brantford, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

T. A. Drury,	A. H. Norrington,	J. M. Eagle,	M. S. Benn,
Samuel Rogers,	David Allan,	T. L. Fletcher,	J. A. Fletcher,
M. O. Coates,	J. H. Winter,	W. R. Pattison,	R. A. Coates,
E. E. Loveless,	Ira Brown,	L. H. Iles.	

DELEGATES

Thomas Fiddler,	Thomas Moorhouse,	John Phillips,	Fannie Demill,
Wellington Pattison,	Henry Mellor,	D. H. McCallum,	B. Hansworth,
John Beckham,	Wellington Hamilton,	Gilbert Causley,	Samuel Baxter,
William Demill,	C. L. Kenney,	Rufus Stuart,	Edwin Demill,
Isaiah Bailey,	R. Cornell,	Mrs. Etta Teal,	Lucy Wilkins,
John White,	James Evans.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, J. M. Eagle, A. H. Norrington, Thomas Moorhouse, William Demill.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? H. C. Freemantle, J. H. Roberts, Daniel Toole, J. E. Ayre, J. W. Winans, B. E. Stevenson, H. G. Kent.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? David Allan, T. L. Fletcher, M. O. Coates, J. H. Winter, Ira Brown, J. A. Fletcher, R. A. Coates, E. E. Loveless, L. H. Iles.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. A. Drury.

10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? George A. Mitchell.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? John Timbers.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Seventy dollars.

22. A collection for this purpose was ordered to be taken in the second quarter.

23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Brantford, Ontario, not earlier than the last week in September, 1907.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh annual session of the West Ontario conference convened in Ridgway, August 22-25, 1906. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew, who was accompanied by his wife, presided with general acceptability. His addresses to the conference were inspiring and his preaching was with power and a benediction to all. The conference was harmonious. The appointments were well received and a year of victory is anticipated.

APPOINTMENTS

Hamilton District—M. S. Benn, District Elder.

Hamilton	To be supplied
Hannon and Ryckman's Corners	E. E. Loveless, Hannon, Ontario
Kimbo and Caistor Centre	J. T. Abrams, supply, Kimbo, "
Canboro, Attercliffe and Montigue	J. A. Hamilton, supply, Canboro. "
Ridgeway, Ft. Erie and Sherkston	B. E. Stevenson, Ridgeway, "
Niagara Falls	Christopher Eaton, supply, Niagara Falls, "
Welland and Wainfleet	Matilda Sipprell, Mable Pett, supplies, Welland, "

T. A. Drury, supernumerary.

Brantford District—M. S. Benn, District Elder.

Brantford	M. O. Coates, 14 Buffalo street, Brantford, Ontario
Kelvin and Norwich	J. A. Fletcher, Kelvin, "
Galt and Hespeler	Daniel Toole, Galt, "
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer	J. E. Ayre, Tilsonburg, "
Marston and Langton	J. W. Winans, Marston, "
Walsingham, Pt. Royal and Jericho	Mrs. Ada Foreman, supply, Walsingham, " / Richard Slingerland, " " "
Houghton and Bayham	Christopher Fader, supply, Beech Lake, "

J. H. Winters, left without appointment according to provision of the Discipline, ¶ 84 and ¶ 85. M. S. Benn, member of the Brantford district quarterly conference.

Sarnia District—J. M. Eagle, District Elder.

Sarnia	David Allan, box 35, Sarnia, Ontario
Thedford and Sharon	T. L. Fletcher, Thedford, "
Grand Bend and Dashwood	Isaiah Bailey, supply
Terminus the Tenth and Thornyhurst	H. G. Kent, Terminus, Ontario
Zion, Oakdale and Ousley	H. C. Freemantle, Beaver Meadow, "
Charlemont	Samuel Rogers, Charlemont, "
Dawn Mills and Thorncliffe	Lillian Beirg, Effie Cowherd, supplies, Dawn Mills, "
Middlemiss	D. H. McCallum, supply, Middlemiss, "
Meaford	Ira Brown, Meaford, "

J. Timbers, given a certificate of standing in view of transfer; W. R. Pattison, left without appointment according to provision of the Discipline, ¶ 84 and ¶ 85. J. M. Eagle, member of the Sarnia district quarterly conference. George Evans' membership is placed on the Zion, Oakdale and Ousley circuit.

Lake Superior District—J. M. Eagle, District Elder.

Fort William and Port Arthur	J. H. Roberts, Fort William, Ontario
Hymers and Slate River Valley	R. A. Coates
Sault Ste Marie	Edwin Demill, supply, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

Charles Deirks, supernumerary; L. H. Isles, permitted to supply St. Joseph Island in the North Michigan conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, SARNIA AND TILSONBURG DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
HAMILTON DISTRICT	J. M. Eagle, District Elder																	
Hamilton	Supplied	14	...	14	...	...	1	8	50	7	$ 4 81	$ 2 34	$ 3 25	$ 1 95	$ 1 30	$ 2 08	.....	$ 60 85
Hannon	H. G. Kent	25	...	25	1	1	1	7	45	6	10 36	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	4 48	$ 9 31	...
Kimbo and Calstor Centre	H. C. Freemantle	28	1	29	...	...	1	3	27	7	14 06	6 84	9 50	5 70	3 80	.....	5 00	23 05
Canboro, Attercliffe and Montague	J. A. Hamilton, supply	23	4	27	...	...	2	10	40	5	8 88	4 30	6 00	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	18 20
Ridgeway	Daniel Toole	21	4	25	1	1	1	6	30	3	5 92	2 88	4 00	2 70	1 60	2 56	.....	...
Ft. Erie	J. H. Roberts	10	3	13	...	...	1	3	20	4	4 44	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	12 68
Niagara Falls	C. Eaton, supply	11	6	17	...	...	1	5	25	9	2 96	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 28	.....	7 40
Welland and Wainfleet	Matilda Sipprell, Della Linden supplies	28	2	30	...	...	2	9	47	9	10 00	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	10 00	34 35
BRANTFORD DISTRICT	J. M. Eagle, District Elder																	
Brantford	M. O. Coates	39	1	40	...	...	1	8	65	9	15 17	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	6 56	.....	19 06
Kelvin and Norwich	J. T. Abrams, supply	27	4	31	1	1	2	6	30	6	9 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	5 00	.....	15 85
Galt	M. S. Benn	25	5	30	..	1	1	6	42	6	9 62	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	65 42
SARNIA DISTRICT	A. H. Norrington, Dist. Elder																	
Sarnia	D. Allan	57	20	77	3	2	1	21	85	15	21 09	10 26	14 25	8 55	5 70	.....	.....	226 74
Terminus the Tenth and Zion	T. L. Fletcher	59	4	63	1	1	3	11	100	5	15 54	8 56	10 50	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	23 37
Thedford and Grand Bend	J. A. Fletcher	32	13	45	2	3	2	11	44	6	9 62	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	28 79
Dawn Mills and Thorncliffe	A. H. Norrington	9	..	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	4 81	2 70	2 00	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	...
Charlemont	S. Rogers	51	1	52	1	1	1	5	40	11	19 24	9 36	13 00	7 80	5 20	.....	22 16	96 61
Oakdale and Ousley	Christopher Fader, supply	10	1	11	...	...	1	4	17	4	4 81	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	.....	68	5 00
Middlemiss	J. W. Winans	12	...	12	1	1	1	4	14	7	4 07	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	.....	53	33 40
Thornyhurst and Bickford	J. E. Ayre	12	..	12	1	..	1	3	25	4	4 81	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	2 60	.....	.....
Fort William and Hymers	B. E. Stevenson	26	6	32	1	1	2	8	56	7	5 55	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	.....	5 00	...
Grey County Mission	Ira Brown	11	1	12	..	1	...	...	...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Sault Ste Marie	E. Demill	10	2	12	...	...	1	3	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TILSONBURG DISTRICT	A. H. Norrington, Dist. Elder																	
Ebenezer	L. H. Iles	19	5	24	...	...	1	6	35	3	9 99	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	17 37
Walsingham	E. E. Loveless	33	11	44	...	...	1	6	....	8	12 21	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	6 60	.....	25 00
Houghton and Marston	R. A. Coates	34	6	40	1	..	3	14	105	5	12 93	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	21 59
Total		626	100	726	14	14	32	167	962	154	$ 220 16	$ 108 44	$ 147 50	$ 89 85	$ 59 70	$ 33 08	$ 52 68	$739 93

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
HAMILTON DISTRICT											
Hamilton											
Hannon			$ 15 16	$ 1 40	$ 213 00	$ 43 11	$ 3 75	1	$ 1000	1	$ 800
Kimbo and Caistor Centre				1 90	175 48	35 26		2	1500		
Canboro, Attercliffe, Montague			7 07	1 20	252 92	33 36		2	1300	1	800
Ridgeway		$ 1 00	18 92		219 00	40 47	15 00	1	2000		
Ft. Erie			14 50		115 00	24 00		1	800		
Niagara Falls			14 19	40	110 14	24 32	1 15	1	1000		
Welland and Wainfleet			20 24	1 35	303 15	44 76		2	1800	1	600
BRANTFORD DISTRICT											
Brantford			29 08	2 05	406 57	49 07		1	3000	1	1600
Kelvin and Norwich			18 25	1 25	343 67	38 00		1	700	1	700
Galt			32 75	1 30	450 45	50 51		1	700	1	2500
SARNIA DISTRICT											
Sarnia			65 95	2 85	904 89	61 36		1	1800	1	2200
Terminus the Tenth and Zion			45 22	2 10	331 30	60 82		2	1900	1	1100
Thedford and Grand Bend			21 03	1 30	412 40	42 62		1	650	1	450
Dawn Mills and Thorncliffe					100 00	14 89		1	250	1	600
Charlemont	$ 6 78	2 80	25 00	2 60	419 28	63 00	12 50	1	800	1	700
Oakdale and Ousley	40				167 38	31 13		1	600		
Middlemiss			3 82	55	205 90	26 58		1	800		
Thornyhurst and Bickford			12 00		178 68	23 10	5 00	1	600		
Fort William and Hymers			20 00	75	205 00	27 00					
Grey County Mission					75 00	22 30	50 00				
Sault Ste Marie			4 72		152 55						
TILSONBURG DISTRICT											
Ebenezer			12 73		219 44	24 57	2 16	1	550	1	500
Walsingham			17 00		338 83	40 61		1	1000	1	400
Houghton and Marston			30 93	1 75	259 41	36 00		3	2250		
Total	$ 7 18	$ 3 80	$ 428 66	$22 75	$6559 44	$ 846 84	$ 89 56	27	$ 24900	13	$12950

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Osborne, Kansas, August 22-26, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*
J. E. OVERHOLT, *Secretary.* MRS. LULU A. HIGGINS, *Assistant Secretary.*
C. H. MALIN, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, J. S. Ogg, J. H. Higgins, C. W. Long.
On Sunday-schools—C. H. Malin, A. C. Brown, W. F. Cook, S. H. Gwinn, Maude Gilbert.
On Reforms—J. S. Cornish, G. Debmont, A. Helsel.
On Publications—R. C. Selander, A. Helsel, H. B. Sutton.
On Education—A. C. Brown, J. M. Young, E. P. Robb.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. M. Young, R. C. Selander, A. C. Brown.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Solicit Funds to Publish the Minutes—Mrs. Belle Thomas, Maude Gilbert.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, J. H. Higgins, J. S. Ogg, E. P. Van Vranken, J. A. Melrose.
On Ministerial Relations—J. H. Higgins, C. H. Malin, W. F. Cook, E. P. Van Vranken, J. M. Young.
On Complimentary Resolutions—A. C. Brown, W. E. Keener.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. C. Selander, C. H. Malin, J. S. Ogg, J. H. Higgins, W. F. Cook.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. S. Ogg, president; J. H. Higgins, secretary; C. W. Long, treasurer; E. P. Van Vranken, A. C. Anderson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. S. Ogg.
On Reforms—J. S. Cornish.
On Education—C. H. Malin.
On Sunday-schools—R. C. Selander.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions, Tracts; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim and Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Margaret A. Cook, Cuba, Kansas; first vice-president, Mrs. Viola Helsel, Iuka, Kansas, R. F. D. 1; second vice-president, Mrs. Viola Ogg, Macksville, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna G. Hill, Mankato, Kansas, R. F. D. 3; recording secretary, Mrs. Lulu A. Higgins, Concordia, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude T. Everley, Concordia, Kansas.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

C. H. Malin, Macksville, Kansas.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY
J. E. Overholt, Mankato, Kansas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg,	R. Trever,	J. H. Higgins,	E. P. Robb,
G. Delimont,	A. C. Brown,	F. S. Atwell,	A. Helsel,
R. H. Cline,	W. F. Cook,	C. H. Malin,	J. E. Overholt,
R. C. Selander,	J. S. Cornish,	W. E. Keener,	Charles Mitchell,
C. W. Long,	H. B. Sutton,	J. E. Crawford,	F. R. Vosburgh,
John Walton.			

DELEGATES

J. A. Melrose,	J. Overholt,	A. F. Hartman,	B. Shellhamer,
C. W. Miner,	Walter Stevens,	E. P. Van Vranken,	J. J. Sutton,
J. B. Wright,	S. H. Gwinn,	A. C. Anderson,	J. M. Young.
Belle Thomas.	J. P. Rader,	Mae L. Benton,	D. G. Miller,
Maude Gilbert.	F. C. Quick.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. H. Higgins, J. S. Ogg, S. H. Gwinn, J. A. Melrose.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. J. Lunsford, D. G. Benton.

4. Who remain on trial? J. B. Hargadine, D. N. Bowers.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. E. Crawford, F. R. Vosburgh, John Walton.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Keener, H. B. Sutton, C. W. Long, J. E. Crawford, F. R. Vosburgh, *John Walton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Ordained local elders, E. P. Van Vranken, Cyrus Archer.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Helsel.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? E. P. Robb, G. Delimont.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Charles Mitchell, an elder from the North Minnesota conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? F. R. Cline, under charges of immoral conduct.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. Trever, to the Central Illinois conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and, with two exceptions, passed.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? See report of committee on claims and claimants.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $92.48.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied? $92.48; it is in the hands of the conference treasurer.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

*Ordained this year.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place of holding was left to the judgment of the district elders; the time to be as near the middle of August, 1907, as will be convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth annual session of the West Kansas conference was held in Osborne, Kansas, August 22-26, 1906. Four sittings were held and the spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed.

General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with his usual ability and God gave him special help in preaching and in the addresses to the conference. At the second sitting especially the Spirit anointed him as he spoke, sealing the truth and coming upon the people in a manner long to be remembered by those who witnessed it. It was the very best session ever held in West Kansas. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge," and "In Jesus' might we'll stand and fight and drive this battle on." A number were saved and sanctified.

The following visiting brethren were introduced and invited to honorary seats: Rev. A. J. Damon, principal of Orleans Seminary; W. G. McVey, of the Wabash conference, representing the publishing house; Revs. Cannon, Lorin, Brooks and Kerr of the M. E. church; and Rev. A. Sweet of the United Brethren church.

Rev. Charles Mitchell of the North Minnesota conference, cast in his lot with us while R. Trever one of our pioneers, who has labored faithfully and well to build up the work in this western country, left us intending to unite with the Central Illinois conference.

The delegates to general conference are as follows: Ministerial: C. H. Malin; reserve, J. S. Ogg. Lay: S. H. Gwinn; reserve, J. A. Melrose. W. F. M. Society delegate: Mrs. Lulu A. Higgins.

On Sabbath, August 26, John Walton was ordained deacon and Cyrus Archer and E. P. Van Vranken were ordained elders (local).

The W. F. M. S. held a public service Sabbath afternoon. Mrs. Viola Helsel preaching the sermon. A collection of over $100 was taken, making over $600 raised by the society during the year.

An assessment of twenty-five cents per member was made for Conference Missions. This is to be paid to the district elders.

The city officials kindly gave the use of the city park, and the county commissioners the use of the court house grounds for the camp-meeting and conference. The usual complimentary resolutions were adopted.

The deficit in the conference assessments was met by a special collection taken Sabbath morning.

APPOINTMENTS

Mankato District—J. H. Higgins, District Elder, Concordia Kaasas.

Mankato	J. E. Overholt, Mankato, Kansas
Lebanon	J. E. Crawford, Lebanon, "
Osborne	A. J. Lunsford, Osborne, "
Glen Elder and Victor	R. C. Selander, Glen Elder, R. F. D. 3, "
Cuba	W. F. Cook, Cuba, "
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	H. B. Sutton, Concordia, "
Lincoln and Wilson	John Walton, Lincoln, "

R. Trever, given certificate of standing; E. P. Robb, superannuated, Osborne, Kansas; J. H. Higgins, member of Mankato district quarterly conference.

Almena District—J. H. Higgins, District Elder.

Almena	J. M. Young, supply, Almena, Kansas
Logan and Densmore	C. W. Long, Logan, "
Plainville	Josephine Bates, supply, Plainville, "
Hill City and Lenora	D. G. Benton, Lenora, "

G. Delimont, superannuated without claim, Long Island, Kansas.

Macksville District—J. S. Ogg, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas.

Macksville and St. John	C. H. Malin, Macksville, Kansas
Great Bend	To be supplied
Pratt and Sawyer	E. P. Van Vranken, supply, Pratt, Kansas
Kingman and Cleveland	To be supplied

Eden Valley and Iuka.....A. C. Brown, R. F. D. 1, Iuka, Kansas
Mound Center and Sharon.....F. R. Vosburgh, Kiowa, "

A. Helsel, supernumerary, Iuka, Kansas, R. F. D. 1; F. S. Atwell, Sharon, Kansas, and W. E. Keener, Glasco, Kansas, left without appointment. J. S. Ogg, member of Macksville district quarterly conference.

Ness City District—J. S. Ogg, District Elder.

Beeler.....J. B. Hargadine, Beeler, Kansas
Leoti.....W. H. Cook, supply, Leoti, "
Santa Fe.....D. N. Bowers, Santa Fe, "
Mullinville and Bethany.....Charles Mitchell, Mullinville, "
Bucklin and Pleasant Valley.....J. S. Cornish, Bucklin, "

R. H. Cline, left without appointment.

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

F. A. Davis.....Hull City, Kansas
Cyrus Archer.....Densmore, "
E. P. Van Vranken.....Pratt, "

LOCAL PREACHERS—NOT ORDAINED

J. B. Brown.....Glen Elder, R. F. D. 3, Kansas.
G. F. Snow.....Almena, Kansas
Evan James.....Osborne, "
T. Kingsolver.....Sharon, "
T. F. Forbes.....Prairie View, R. F. D. 1, Kansas.
E. P. Bell.....Orleans, Nebraska
T. Mellor.....Lincoln, Kansas
Ellsworth A. Archer.....Densmore, "

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Alice Atwell.....Sharon, Kansas
Mrs. Anna R. Turner....R. F. D. 1, Lewis, Kansas.
Mrs. Josephia Hill...Cawker City, Kansas
Mrs. Carrie E. Cline.....
Anna G. Hill...R. F. D. 3, Mankato, Kansas
Mrs. Viola Helsel....R. F. D. 1, Iuka, Kansas.
Salina Delimont.....Long Island, Kansas
Mrs. M. A. Cook.....Cuba, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Lorinda Baer.....Wilson, Kansas
Mrs. Mattie Crawford...Lebanon, "
Mrs. Mary S. Stone...R. F. D. 2, Randall, Kansas.
Goldie McBride.....Beeler, Kansas
Mrs. Anna E. Batchelder.....Cuba, Kansas
Mrs. Carrie Bowers.....Santa Fe, "
Rebecca Kindred..R. F. D. 1, Smith Center, Kansas.
Mrs. Mary J. Cornish.....Bucklin, Kansas
Mrs. Janie Patton.....Almena, Kansas

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS.

Amounts due claimants for the coming year: E. P. Robb, $45.

II.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—Assessed, $86.70.
Paid, $86.47; deficit, $.23.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed, $104.04.
Paid, $103.73; deficit, $.31.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed, $213.86.
Paid, $207.19; deficit, $6.67.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed, $28.90.
Paid, $26.95; deficit, $1.95.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed, $57.80.
Paid, $53.90; deficit, $3.90.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed, $92.48.
Paid, $87.20; deficit, $5.28.
Foreign Missions.—$56.43.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—$38.59.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—$11.06.
Grand total: Assessments, $583.78.
Receipts, $565.44; deficit, $18.34.

III.—ON REFORMS.

We feel that it is no time in any degree to recede from the position we hitherto occupied in respect to the prevailing sins of the day.

Superfluity in dress is one of the crying sins of the day. It robs the treasury of the Lord, fosters pride, and is contrary to the spirit of humility.

Secret societies are spreading themselves like network over our land and threatening to overthrow the civil government.

The tobacco habit is gradually but surely undermining the health of the rising generation.

The liquor traffic is an unmitigated evil and has not a single redeeming quality. Its advocates cannot offer one just reason why it should be continued. It incites murder, ruins character, desolates homes and finally lands the soul in hell, for God says, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." Think of the vast army of 60,000 men who are filling a drunkard's grave every year and then ask yourself, "Should I vote the Prohibition ticket?"

Romanism is an enemy of true religion. She seeks to destroy our free school system and in some places has succeeded in throwing the Bible out of our public schools.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We believe that all Free Methodists, and especially we as Free Methodist parents, should recognize the Sunday-school as a factor of great importance in building up the work of the Lord and in the personal salvation of our children. We are fearful that few of us as parents realize the duty that is resting upon us in this respect. We are told in God's word to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." And we should recognize the Sunday-school as one of the greatest means of grace that God has thrown in our way to accomplish that end.

We urge that as far as possible our officers and teachers should be persons of sound judgment, earnest Christians, and in full sympathy with our principles as a church. We also believe in order to spiritual success our teachers should come before their classes, not only prepared to teach the letter of the word, but also in the fulness of the Spirit, the same as the preacher before his congregation.

The Sunday-school being one of the great channels through which Bible teaching is brought to our children, therefore, we with others insist on Free Methodist Sunday-schools for Free Methodist people and for as many others as we can bring under their influence.

We are pleased to note the increase of interest in our district Sunday-school conventions which are being held by us as a conference, which we trust will prove an inspiration to our Sunday-school work. Our schools need a standard of excellence beyond where we have at present attained, and to reach this we would further recommend the following: The Bible in the hands of every teacher and scholar; formation of Sunday-school boards; a teachers' meeting; a good supply of all necessary helps, such as maps, charts, blackboards, etc.; a home department; a cradle roll; special temperance and missionary work; the observance of special days and conversions among the scholars. All of the above are recommended by W. B. Olmstead, our Sunday-school secretary, and can be reached by our Sunday-school workers if they will apply them.

And we further recommend that we give more attention to our primary classes. We often hear it said, Oh, it is only the little ones; anyone can teach them. But we think the primary class should have a separate room or a curtained-off corner, and that they should have the best teacher. And by all means use the blackboard exercise as it is given us, for 75 per cent. of the child's knowledge is gained through his eyes.

We recommend strict adherence to the use of our own Sunday-school literature, which we believe to be the best that can be obtained anywhere.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Perhaps there never was an age in which the mind was more susceptible of impression from the influence of current literature than ours. The present generation is determined to reach the end of thought and literary investigation early in life.

Young men to-day are grappling with the problems of the world in a manner worthy of men of riper years a century ago. They occupy the coveted positions of trust and honor; the affairs of the national government are dependent upon men below the middle age of life.

We regard this rapid advancement of the present generation and the early formation of character largely due to the influence of thought expressed in the publications of the day. The mind therefore being more easily impressed and the character more readily moulded than in former years, there is a corresponding need of controlling, as far as pos-

sible, the nature of the literature that comes within the reach of all under our immediate guardianship. And we are furthermore under a moral obligation to disseminate the light of every true principle and establish an ambition and create a thirst for the higher order of reading matter.

We must urge everywhere among the people their duty to provide according to their means those books and papers that will meet the demand, and will be conducive to spiritual growth. No books or papers of a pernicious character should be allowed to come into the home. A good way to keep evil out of our hearts is to keep filled with the Spirit and to keep our paper-racks, libraries and stand tables filled with good literature.

Now to meet and to successfully oppose the rapid advancement of the mighty tide of ecclesiastical worldliness which is to a great degree the result of so vast an amount of published matter that is void of any power to arouse the conscience or lead the soul into the rich fields of spiritual life and which is not intended to make strong healthy Christians; we would recommend the wholesome and intensely spiritual publications of the Free Methodist publishing house.

We regard the *Free Methodist* as one of the purest religious papers published. It should be placed in the home of every Free Methodist family.

We are glad to note the purity and attractiveness of our Sunday-school publications so ably edited by W. B. Olmstead. These papers are certainly having a great influence upon the children of our Sunday-schools.

We rejoice that our publishing house is in a prosperous condition. The work performed and the able management of the agents meet our hearty approval and we trust that our ministers will urge upon their people the importance of patronizing this house in preference to all others.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
MANKATO DISTRICT											
Mankato	....	$ 1 50	$ 12 00	$ 1 30	$ 416 71	$ 36 01	$ 13 85	1	$ 800	1	$ 800
Lebanon	.....	.....	52 29	1 25	462 50	49 45	6 26	1	1200	1	800
Osborne	...	2 70	22 45	2 25	460 76	50 66	7 45	2	1300	1	1200
Glen Elder and Victor	$ 50	7 50	16 50	1 25	304 90	48 00	.....	1	800	1	700
Cuba	.....	.....	32 90	75	269 40	38 86	.....	1	1000	1	500
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	.....	4 00	22 75	1 00	384 00	45 08	32 74	2	2100	1	1000
Lincoln and Wilson	63	74	11 99	1 60	401 63	44 53	.....	2	1000	2	1250
ALMENA DISTRICT											
Almena	1 50	2 00	31 40	1 70	327 98	56 73	16 40	1	900	1	500
Logan and Densmore	....	5 00	28 73	3 40	481 58	81 42	24 00	2	1800	1	1000
Plainville and Hayes City	.....	.....	7 50	70	174 27	51 81	13 00	..	.....	..	.....
Hill City	....	.....	3 00	40	194 87	27 60	.....	..	.....	1	400
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT											
Macksville	3 77	3 00	12 30	1 80	551 62	53 44	.....	1	1200	1	800
Great Bend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 54	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Pratt and Sawyer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 93	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Kingman and Cleveland	.....	.....	.....	90	242 52	31 85	7 00	..	.....	1	700
Eden Valley and Iuka	3 66	.....	22 50	2 30	400 00	68 32	.....	1	1000	1	500
Mound Center and Sharon	1 00	3 15	32 45	1 85	439 08	41 75	12 70	1	1200	1	500
NESS CITY DISTRICT											
Ness City, Beeler and Laurel	.....	.....	.....	1 45	247 36	33 27	.....	..	.....	1	700
Leoti	.....	.....	7 60	40	.....	18 56	.....	1	500	..	.....
Wright and Cave	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 31	7 38	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mullinville and Bethany	.....	7 00	24 00	1 65	360 00	48 03	12 00	2	3000	1	200
Bucklin and Pleasant Valley	.....	....	.....	1 00	275 00	36 50	.....	1	1000	1	500
Santa Fe	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 85	18 60	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Raised by collection at conference	.....	2 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$11 06	$38 59	$ 340 36	$28 90	$6447 34	$ 913 32	$ 145 70	20	$ 18800	18	$12050

Miscellaneous receipts for tracts, $2.30; for incidentals, $542.47; for house rent for elder of Macksville district, $100.00; building churches and parsonages, $3549.50.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND NESS CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MANKATO DISTRICT	J. H. Higgins, District Elder																	
Mankato	J. E. Overholt	24	3	27	..	2	1	5	20	8	$ 9 62	$ 4 68	$ 3 90	$ 3 90	$ 2 60	$ 4 16	.....	$ 34 39
Lebanon	J. E. Crawford	26	9	35	..	2	2	14	80	10	9 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	4 00	$ 2 00	51 16
Osborne	C. W. Long	41	4	45	1	..	1	7	36	9	16 65	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50	7 20	7 71	70 74
Glen Elder and Victor	A. J. Lunsford, supply	24	3	27	1	..	1	8	39	10	9 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	4 00	3 85	36 50
Cuba	Anna B. Batchelder, supply	15	2	17	1	..	1	4	22	5	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	1 05	15 20
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	R. C. Selander	21	1	22	..	1	1	4	25	10	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	1 90	3 20	1 16	13 37
Lincoln and Wilson	John Walton	33	1	34	1	1	1	8	35	10	11 84	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	5 12	2 75	19 87
ALMENA DISTRICT	J. H. Higgins, District Elder																	
Almena	W. F. Cook	35	5	40	3	2	1	12	50	11	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	6 66	59 54
Logan and Densmore	H. B. Sutton	68	4	72	3	1	3	19	113	17	25 16	12 24	10 20	10 20	6 80	10 88	11 85	49 21
Plainville and Hayes City	Josephine Bates, supply	12	3	15	..	..	1	11	30	4	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 44	.....	25 00
Hill City	D. G. Benton, supply	18	1	19	2	..	..	....	....	8	2 96	1 44	.....	1 20	80	1 28	3 80	.....
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder																	
Macksville	C. H. Malin	41	1	42	1	..	1	6	30	10	13 32	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	5 76	9 00	40 13
Great Bend	J. S. Ogg	4	2	6	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 26	1 26	.....	1 05	.....	...	.....	.....
Pratt and Sawyer	J. S. Ogg	11	..	11	..	..	..	....	....	3	2 90	3 06	.....	2 23	.....	40	.....	.....
Kingman and Cleveland	E. P. VanVranken, supply	28	5	33	..	..	..	....	....	7	6 66	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	3 08	7 70	1 95
Eden Valley and Iuka	A. C. Brown	45	5	50	..	1	1	10	40	10	17 02	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	7 36	37 03	37 03
Mound Center and Sharon	F. R. Vosburgh	32	..	32	1	1	2	14	60	11	13 69	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	5 92	9 60	.....
Plevna	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NESS CITY DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder																	
Ness City, Beeler and Laurel	J. B. Hargadine	33	6	39	..	1	..	....	....	8	10 73	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	4 64	4 60	24 41
Leoti	J. S. Ogg	8	3	11	..	..	1	4	12	1	2 96	1 44	.....	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Wright and Cave	G. C. Deardorff, supply	11	..	11	..	..	..	....	....	4	2 98	2 21	2 25	2 19	.....	...	.....	.....
Mullinville and Bethany	J. S. Cornish	42	2	44	..	2	2	16	60	8	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	.....	59 23
Bucklin and Pleasant Valley	D. N. Bowers	11	..	11	..	..	1	8	30	5	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	4 00	15 00
Santa Fe	Carrie E. Cline, supply	16	1	17	..	1	1	....	30	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....
Raised by collection at conference	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6 67	31	.....	23	3 90	5 28	.....	.....
Reported by the conference treas	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 43	.....
Reported by the preachers and not paid to treasurer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 48	.....
Total	....	599	61	660	14	15	22	145	712	175	$ 213 86	$ 104 01	$ 80 85	$ 86 70	$ 57 80	$ 92 48	$ 113 91	$552 63

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held at Estherville, Iowa, September 5-9, 1906

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary.* J. L. KENT, *Assistant Secretary.*

P. O. COLE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, John Sutton, H. L. Tenney.
On State of the Work—B. Y. Neal, William Baldwin, C. W. Sutton, H. L. Tenney.
On Reforms—B. Y. Neal, C. M. Damon, William Baldwin.
On Publications—J. L. Kent, H. L. Tenney.
On Sunday-schools—C. M. Damon, W. H. Warren.
On Education—M. L. Schooley, P. O. Cole, Luella Phillips.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Jones, J. H. Noble.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. L. Kent.
On Ministerial Relations—C. W. Sutton, William Baldwin, P. O. Cole.
On Memoirs—B. Y. Neal, W. R. Ruby, W. G. Anderson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—M. L. Schooley, Jessie Wilcox, Luella Phillips.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—M. L. Schooley. *On Education*—C. M. Damon.
On Publications—H. L. Tenney. *On Sunday-schools*—J. L. Kent.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Tenney, for three years; B. Y. Neal, for two years; P. O. Cole, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

P. O. Cole, C. W. Sutton, M. L. Schooley, J. H. Potts, William Baldwin.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

P. O. Cole, J. D. Armstrong, M. L. Schooley, Walter Wheeler, B. Y. Neal, C. W. Sutton.

CUSTODIANS OF FARM AND FARM PROCEEDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

C. W. Sutton, for three years; B. Y. Neal, for two years; John Sutton, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Permanent Fund; second quarter, Home Missions; third quarter, Church Extension and General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. G. S. Phillips, Armstrong, Iowa; secretary and treasurer, Miss S. Ada Hall, Estherville, Iowa.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

P. O. Cole, Mason City, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. M. Damon,	William Baldwin,	C. W. Sutton,	C. W. Howe,
J. H. Potts,	J. K. Webb,	M. L. Schooley,	J. L. Kent,
B. Y. Neal,	H. L. Tenney,	John Sutton.	

DELEGATES

P. O. Cole,	W. G. Anderson,	W. H. Warren.	Jessie Wilcox,
W. R. Ruby,	J. H. Noble,	Luella Phillips,	A. B. Preston.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, B. Y. Neal, William Baldwin, C. W. Sutton, H. L. Tenney, W. H. Warren, P. O. Cole, W. G. Anderson, Luella Phillips.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? B. I. Hubbard, W. R. Ruby.

4. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? John Sutton.

6. Who are the deacons? J. K. Webb, John Sutton, *I. N. Howell, *W. H. Hiatt.

7. None.

8. Who have located this year? E. E. Jones.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. H. Potts.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. M. Damon, C. W. Howe, William Baldwin.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. K. Webb, to the Oklahoma conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? G. P. Wilson, G. S. Phillips, H. W. Miller.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. See report.

22-23. See statistical report.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The fixing of the place is left to a committee consisting of B. Y. Neal, P. O. Cole and M. L. Schooley; the time to be as near the last week in August, 1907, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth session of our conference was held at Estherville, Iowa. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided. We were delighted to greet our beloved senior superintendent again; but our joy was mingled with sadness, when we reflected that this would likely be his last visit to us. "For forty-seven years he has preached the gospel in the Free Methodist church, and for thirty-two years has gone in and out among us as a revered superintendent, in gravity of character and grace and dignity of administration. In the pre-eminent eloquence and power of his pulpit ministrations, he has not only given credit to the denomination, but has placed the nation at large under obligation for services of a high order of merit and usefulness." He presided with his usual ability and impartiality, and presented the word of life with clearness, power and boldness. As a token of our love for him, and high estimate of his labors, he was presented with a purse of seven dollars.

*Local.

Sister Hart by her unctuous exhortations and fervent prayers gave a wonderful uplift to the religious gathering and was made a blessing to many.

We were generously and warmly entertained by the pilgrims and citizens of Estherville. The pastor, Rev. John Sutton, was untiring in his efforts for our comfort and care.

Revs. W. D. McMullen, S. J. Gilmore and R. O'Connor were visitors from the South Dakota conference. F. L. Burns, of the Wisconsin conference, cast in his lot with us.

B. Y. Neal was elected ministerial delegate and P. O. Cole lay delegate to the general conference. S. Ada Hall goes as delegate for the W. F. M. S.

Miss Rose Cox, returned missionary from India, delivered a very impressive address Sunday afternoon, and raised $150.16 in cash and subscriptions. Besides this amount, $29.51 was raised to meet a deficit in the claims; $8.05 for the pastor; $3.32 for the secretaries: nearly $245 in cash and subscriptions for the Estherville church, and sixty dollars for the support of band workers. Total nearly $500.

We greatly missed the faces of our beloved brethren in the ministry, G. P. Wilson, G. S. Phillips and Henry W. Miller, who died during the last eight months of the conference year. Memorial services were held Saturday forenoon. A number spoke as to the excellence of character of the deceased. Our hearts were touched and made tender as different ones recalled scenes in the lives of the departed, and told of their triumphant exit from the toil and sorrows of earth to the glories of the celestial home.

APPOINTMENTS

Plymouth District—Burton Y. Neal, District Elder, 1784 Lafond Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Plymouth and Lime Creek.....C. W. Sutton, Plymouth, Iowa
Mason City.....F. L. Burns, supply, 315 West Miller street, Mason City, "
Riceville and Round Grove.....To be supplied
Bonair and Oakdale.....To be supplied
Glenville and Lansing.....To be supplied
Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse.....To be supplied

C. M. Damon, superannuated, Mitchell, South Dakota; C. W. Howe, superannuated, Corinth, New York; William Baldwin, superannuated, Fertile, Iowa; M. L. Schooley, Plymouth, Iowa, conference evangelist; J. H. Potts, Saratoga, Iowa, supernumerary; J. K. Webb, Enid, Oklahoma, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer to the Oklahoma conference.

St. Paul District—Burton Y. Neal, District Elder.

Minneapolis.....To be supplied
St. Paul.....To be supplied

Burton Y. Neal, member of the St. Paul district quarterly conference.

Algona District—Burton Y. Neal, District Elder.

Armstrong and Algona.....B. I. Hubbard, Armstrong, Iowa
Fairmont and Ceylon.....John Sutton, 622 North Seventh street, Estherville, "
Estherville.....S. Ada Hall, supply, Estherville, "
Capener schoolhouse.....W. G. Anderson, supply, Estherville, "
Peterson Douglas Center and Maple Grove.....H. L. Tenney, Peterson, "; W. R. Ruby, Marathon, "

E. E. Jones, Greenville, Illinois, located according to ¶ 84 and ¶ 85 of the Discipline, membership on the Peterson circuit.

Winnebago District—Burton Y. Neal, District Elder.

Winnebago, Pleasant View and Elmore.....J. N. Howell, supply
Mapleton.....J. L. Kent, Smith's Mill, R. F. D. 1, Minnesota

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. L. M. Ray Sutton.....Armstrong, Iowa
Mrs. H. L. Tenney.....Peterson, "

DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Clara Anderson.....Estherville, Iowa
William H. Hiatt.....Winnebago City, Minnesota

LOCAL PREACHERS

A. W. Lappin.....Elmore, Minnesota
A. G. Morgan..... Glenville, "
Elmer Lansing..... Hayfield, Iowa
Wallace Hall.....Granada, Minnesota
Kelsey Loveall..Winnebago City, "
E. E. Jones.....Greenville, Illinois

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS.

Amounts necessary to pay claimants next year: C. M. Damon, $150; William Baldwin, $90; Hester A. Wilson, $150; Maria L. Cain, $70; C. W. Howe, $45; Luella Phillips, $60; Mrs. H. W. Miller, $20; Mary E. Sumner, $50; Mary C. Wolcott, $80.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Since our last annual session, death has invaded our ranks and there are three absent forms that we shall never greet again this side of the dark river. But we are cheered by the hope of a happy reunion around the throne above.

Rev. George Philip Wilson was born in Catskill, New York, August 10, 1848, and died at Mason City, Iowa, August 12, 1906. When a mere boy he enlisted in the Union army, Company A, 135th Illinois Infantry. In 1879 he was married to Hester A. Culbertson, who still survives him. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living. He was converted August 2, 1877, at Sugar Grove, Illinois. Shortly afterward he was sanctified wholly and entered the ministry of the Free Methodist church. His first charge was Evansville, Indiana, in 1878, where he served one year as a supply. From there he went to the Michigan conference, where he labored for some years. He traveled the following circuits: Battle Creek, Sherwood and South Union, 1879; Lawrence 1880; Ft. Wayne, 1881-82; Raisinville, 1883.

In 1884 he came to the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference to take the place of Rev. V. A. Dake, as district elder, who had removed to another conference. In all Brother Wilson labored sixteen years as district elder, two years on circuits and three years as conference evangelist, within the bounds of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference. He was elected three times as ministerial delegate to the general conference—in 1891, 1899, 1903. He was ordained deacon in 1881, and elected to elder's orders in 1883. During his long term of service Brother Wilson labored with unfailing devotion, always faithful, never complaining. He endured the vicissitudes and hardships incident to a district elder's life with fortitude, worthy of a good "soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ," patient in affliction, sweet in adversity, exhibiting at all times the spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. We shall never forget his kindly greeting, warm, heartfelt handshake, cheerful tone, sunshiny countenance and sympathetic manner as he moved in and out among us. He always seemed to have a word of help and encouragement for all. His presence in the home and church brought a benediction to the burdened ones there. He was thoughtful of others, and had words to fit their needs. We would mention as strong traits of character, his geniality, sociability, sympathy, cordiality and affection in the home circle; his unselfishness, spirit of sacrifice, love for souls, untiring energy and executive skill in the Lord's work. He was ever regarded as one of our strongest preachers, and many demands were made upon him for his services. He had a wonderful gift of song, and was a sweet singer in Israel. His favorite themes were, the enormity of sin and the love of God. He was a man of extensive reading, an earnest student along all lines, and given to enriching his discourses with reference to and quotations from history, science, current events and poetry, showing a wide range of knowledge. He had an intimate acquaintance with the divine word. Brother Wilson had strong convictions of truth, but ever manifested a spirit of charity toward those who might oppose him. He was especially interested in all reform movements, and took a strong stand for the principles of righteousness. He was a clear thinker and a bold preacher of the gospel. He was of rather a quiet temperament, and never given to much outward demonstration, but at times would break forth into praises to God, and often floods of tears would tell that the fountain was stirred within. For some time past he had been carrying heavy burdens, but under these, and throughout the entire course of his sickness, almost a year, he was never heard to murmur. His body was wasted almost beyond recognition, but his mind was clear and strong

until the moment of departure. He left specific instructions in regard to his funeral, selecting the preacher to officiate, the text to be used and songs to be sung. When he was nearing the end of his pilgrimage the Lord favored his faithful disciple with many precious revelations of himself. He was cheered by hearing, "Rock of Ages" and other sacred songs to which he listened with keenest appreciation. When he felt the crisis drawing near he called the members of his family to his bedside and bestowed upon each a parting blessing, with tender words of admonition and counsel. Then when his feet were "slipping over the brink," he caught a glimpse of heaven's glory. To his wife and children he exclaimed, "They are gathering; I must go." So he closed his eyes to earthly scenes and his pure spirit departed to join the great throng of the redeemed, who have come up out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Burton Y. Neal, assisted by Revs. S. Ada Hall, William Baldwin, C. W. Sutton and I. N. Powell. Text, Psa. 100: 5. The remains were laid to rest at Plymouth, Iowa. Farewell, dear brother, until we meet some glad day in the resurrection.

Rev. George S. Phillips was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 23, 1863, and died January 16, 1906, at Estherville, Iowa. He was converted to God in 1880, and was soon after called to the work of the ministry. In 1891 he was given work as a supply in the West Iowa conference, traveling with his father, Rev. J. S. Phillips, the Clarinda and College Springs circuit. He was admitted on trial into the West Iowa conference in 1892, joined in full connection and was ordained deacon in 1894 and was elected to elder's orders in 1897. He traveled the following circuits in the West Iowa conference: Corning, Mt. Etna and Carbon, 1892; Carbon and Mt. Etna, 1893; Polk City, 1894; Plover and Ft. Dodge, 1895. He served as supply on the Peterson, Douglas Center and Maple Grove circuit, Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference in 1896. In 1897 he transferred to our conference and was returned to the above circuit. He traveled some of the best charges in the conference, as follows: Riceville and Round Grove, 1898-99; Plymouth, Lime Creek and Mason City, 1900; Mapleton, Belleview and Young schoolhouse, 1902-04; Armstrong, 1905. In 1905 he was elected as stationed district elder of the Algona district, and was acting in this capacity and that of pastor at Armstrong at the time of his death. He was filling both positions with general acceptability, and had the hearts of the people in the town where he lived, both inside of the church and outside. He was taken violently ill with what proved to be appendicitis, though apparently in the best of health. He was taken to the Anderson hospital at Estherville for treatment. He underwent two operations, from the last of which he never rallied. From the first of his sickness, he entertained no hope of his recovery, but said he was ready to go if it was the Lord's will. The funeral services were held at Armstrong, Iowa. Rev. B. Y. Neal preaching the sermon from 2 Cor. 5: 1, to a large and sympathizing congregation. His body was laid to rest at Algona, Iowa. Rev. B. I. Hubbard conducting the burial services.

Brother Phillips leaves a widow, one son and one step son. He was a man of strong personality, and possessed much executive ability and generalship. He was a good preacher and perhaps never had a more promising future for himself and the work of God, than when he was stricken down so unexpectedly. He made many warm friends wherever he went, who are saddened to learn of his sudden translation. But he who is all-wise has seen fit to call this watchman from the walls of Zion.

Rev. Henry W. Miller was born in Anglaize county, Ohio, November 26, 1858. He removed with his parents to Clay county, Iowa, in 1870. He was married, April 6, 1884, to Miss Addie Daily. He died at Salem, South Dakota, August 4, 1906. He was saved in early youth, and felt clearly called to preach the gospel. He retained his Christian experience for only a short time, however. He was reclaimed at a holiness camp-meeting held at Storm Lake, Iowa, in 1885, under the auspices of the M. E. church, by Revs. G. D. Watson and B. S. Taylor. He united with the M. E. church. He joined the Free Methodist church in 1890 under the labors of Rev. J. H. Ray. He experienced the blessing of entire holiness at the Harvest Home Pentecostal camp-meeting in 1892. In 1898 he entered the ministry of the Free Methodist church, his first appointment being the Wells, Young schoolhouse and Freeborn circuit as supply. He was admitted into the conference on trial in 1899, and appointed to the Elmore and Reed schoolhouse circuit. He traveled other circuits in the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference as follows: Mapleton, Lake Crystal and Young schoolhouse, 1900; Bonair, Oakdale and Fairchild schoolhouse, 1901-03; Armstrong, 1904; conference evangelist, 1905. He was admitted into the conference in full connection in 1902 and ordained deacon. Funeral services were held at the home of his brother near Salem, South Dakota, Monday afternoon, August 6, at 2:00 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Brown of the M. E. church. Text, Psa. 116: 15. The remains were brought to Peterson, Iowa, where a second service was held at the M. E. church, in charge of Rev. H. L. Tenney. The text used was 2 Tim. 4: 6 8. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near the place. Eight children were born into the home, two of whom died in infancy, and two, Ethel and Charley, preceded their father to the glory world, but a few months. There are four living children and the widow. Brother Miller had been sick for nearly two years, but so loved

the Lord's work that he had been called to, that he continued to preach with much difficulty even after he had greatly failed in health, and was weak in body. To recover his health, he removed to South Dakota last spring, hoping the change of climate would benefit him. It was thought for awhile that he would regain his health, but the disease took a a new turn, and hastened his death. A short time before he died, to a caller, he expressed regret that he could not go on with his loved work, but added, "I don't understand the dealings of the Lord with me, but I don't have to. It's all right. I would like to live for the sake of my family, but it is all right." The last week he was delirious and much of the time he was praying, preaching, singing and holding services, until death came and brought glad release. Brother Miller was a man whom it was a privilege to know. There was something good and solid about him. There was nothing of the sparkle and glitter and outward show about him, but he was a plain, genuine, substantial, practical Christian. He always lived well, and his life spoke well, wherever he lived. He was of a sweet, kind disposition, pure-minded, and a man of faith and prayer. He lived near the Lord, and the secret of the Lord was with him. He possessed great humility and was of the quiet and retiring order. As a preacher he had many excellent qualities. He was not what one would call brilliant, but always had something fresh and good, which was as food to the soul, and ministered grace to the hearers. The Lord used him to the help of many souls. It might be truly said of him that he was a pure, humble, faithful follower of the Master, and a workman who did his labor carefully and well, not with the thought of pleasing man, but with a view of pleasing God. His testimony ever was, "I am living in the center of the will of God." Now he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT											
Plymouth and Lime Creek	.....	$ 3 90	$ 36 00	...	$ 401 00	58 00	$ 131 78	2	$ 2000	1	$ 1200
Mason City	.....	2 20	58 65	$ 1 60	361 67	23 00	79 89	1	1300	1	1800
Riceville and Round Grove	.....	3 01	28 93	1 45	375 70	34 73	41 62	1	1700	1	1000
Bonair and Oakdale	.....	.....	7 20	75	112 78	13 97	.....	1	1000	1	500
Glenville, Lansing, Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse	.....	.....	.....	.....	219 22	28 52	44 31	1	1000	1	500
ST. PAUL DISTRICT											
Minneapolis and St. Paul	.....	.....	15 00	1 85	600 00	.....	85 00	..	.....	..	.....
ALGONA DISTRICT											
Algona and Eagle Grove	.....	.....	.....	1 51	389 17	20 00	3 00	1	1750	1	750
Armstrong, Ceylon, Fairmont	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 64	16 59	20 00	1	1000	1	800
Estherville Capener schoolhouse	.....	3 00	22 42	1 50	351 00	47 80	10 50	1	3000	..	.....
Peterson, Douglas Center and Maple Grove	.....	.....	10 00	1 20	305 00	22 10	26 58	2	2000	1	800
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT											
Winnebago City and Plesant View	.....	6 00	.....	70	257 10	15 00	.....	1	500	1	300
Mapleton	.....	.....	10 00	27	250 00	9 00	9 00	..	...	..	...
Elmore	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	.....	.....	1	1000	1	500
Raised at conf. to meet deficit.	.....	.....	.....	4 52	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	.....	$18 11	$ 178 20	$15 35	$3807 28	$ 288 61	$ 451 68	13	$ 16250	10	$ 8150

Tracts: Riceville, 50 cents; Plymouth, 30 cents; Hayfield, 72 cents.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

PLYMOUTH, ST. PAUL, ALGONA AND WINNEBAGO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	William Baldwin, Dist. Elder																	
Plymouth and Lime Creek	I. N. Howell, supply	38	10	48	1	..	2	13	88	19	$ 11 47	$ 5 58	.....	$ 4 65	.....	$ 36	.....	$ 39 46
Mason City	S. Ada Hall, supply	41	12	53	..	1	1	13	175	11	11 84	5 76	.....	4 80	$ 3 20	5 12	.....	95 41
Riceville and Round Grove	William Baldwin	30	1	31	..	..	2	12	50	7	10 73	5 22	.....	4 35	2 90	5 78	$ 2 00	36 15
Bonair and Oakdale	J. H. Potts	13	2	15	..	..	1	4	25	3	2 06	3 24	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville, Lansing, Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse	J. L. Kent	14	1	15	1	.	..	....	....	6	5 55	2 70	.....	2 25	1 50	2 40	7 00	5 20
ST. PAUL DISTRICT	Burton Y. Neal, Dist. Elder																	
Minneapolis and St. Paul	Burton Y. Neal	41	2	43	..	..	1	6	40	12	13 69	6 66	.....	5 55	3 70	5 92	20 00	.....
ALGONA DISTRICT	* G. S. Phillips, District Elder																	
Algona and Eagle Grove	B. I. Hubbard, supply	10	1	11	1	..	..	....	....	5	3 70	1 80	.....	1 50	1 00	1 60	3 00	1 00
Armstrong, Ceylon and Fairmont	G. S. Phillips	20	..	20	..	1	1	6	15	5	5 92	3 42	.....	2 85	.....	.....	2 00	15 00
Estherville and Capener schoolhouse	John Sutton	26	4	30	1	1	2	8	48	6	11 10	5 40	.....	4 50	3 00	4 80	8 39	16 07
Peterson, Douglas Center, Maple Grove	H. L. Tenney	21	..	21	1	1	1	4	25	5	8 88	4 32	.....	3 60	2 40	3 84	.....	16 54
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT	C. W. Sutton, District Elder																	
Winnebago City and Pleasant View	William Hiatt, supply	23	..	23	2	1	1	6	35	4	12 95	6 30	.....	5 25	.....	.....	6 00	33 25
Mapleton	C. W. Sutton	16	2	18	..	..	1	5	25	7	8 14	3 96	.....	3 30	.....	3 52	.....	9 60
Elmore	A. W. Lappin, supply	6	..	6	..	..	..	....	....	..	1 85	90	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raised at conference to meet deficit		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5 61	.....	.....	50	.....	15 78	.....	.....
Total		299	35	334	7	5	13	77	526	90	$ 113 59	$ 52 26	.....	$ 46 05	$ 17 70	$ 49 12	$ 48 39	$267 78

*Deceased, H. L. Tenney appointed.

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session. held at Bay City, Michigan, September 5-8, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

E. D. HARTLEY, *Secretary.* H. MONTGOMERY, *Assistant Secretary.*

M. L. BOVEE, *Treasurer.* A. E. WARREN, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, M. DeVoist, J. H. McMillen, W. H. Haight.

On Church Literature—A. E. Warren, S. H. Bartlett, A. S. Parks.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. G. Roe, R. R. Haight.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Sunday-schools—A. J. Stevens, N. M. Cooke, L. Snyder.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—W. J. Hallead, J. P. Burdett, W. W. Hoyt, M. E. Howard.

On Reforms—A. D. Warren, Bion Voorhess, F. Ormsby.

On Education—W. J. Jackson, P. S. Shoemaker, H. Hoyt.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—W. Bartlett, Perry Oaks.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. J. Stevens, S. H. Bartlett, C. H. Sage, D. P. Morse, Harlow Hoyt.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. D. Hartley, president; W. H. Iles, secretary; B. F. Doolittle, treasurer; David Richard, Perry Oaks.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. H. Porterfield, for one year; M. L. Bovee, for two years; N. M. Cooke, for three years.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Foda Roe, president, Alpena, Michigan, R. F. D. 2; Mrs. D. P. Morse, first vice-president, Sandusky, Michigan; Mrs. Bina Call, second vice-president, Yale, Michigan; Minnie A. Shoemaker, corresponding secretary, St. Johns, Michigan; Alice A. Powell, recording secretary, Arenac, Michigan; Mattie J. Hoyt, treasurer, 706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Home Missions (25 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension Fund, Permanent Fund (5 cents).

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Church Literature—W. G. Roe. *On Reforms*—W. W. Hoyt.

On Sunday-schools—W. J. Jackson. *On Education*—S. H. Porterfield.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

M. DeVoist,	S. H. Porterfield,	H. Voorhess,	H. Montgomery,
S. G. Bartlett,	W. H. Haight,	W. W. Hoyt,	M. L. Bovee,
H. Burse,	S. Johnson,	J. W. Currier,	E. D. Hartley,
A. Tice,	J. McMillen,	S. Reed,	A. E. Warren,
F. E. Crippen,	C. D. Hoadley,	J. D. Bullock,	A. J. Stevens,
W. J. Jackson,	B. F. Doolittle,	R. R. Haight,	J. N. Wilson,
M. Cuthbert,	J. P. Burdett,	N. M. Cooke,	P. S. Shoemaker,
E. B. Call,	J. A. Spencer,	W. G. Roe,	C. Caswell,
A. D. Warren,	I. Mudge,	W. S. Haight,	M. E. Howard
Bion Voorhess,	A. S. Stambaugh,	W. E. Hosmer,	W. J. Hallead,
William Rumley,	W. H. Iles,	N. A. Davis,	B H. Green,
D. C. Embery,	F. L. Crandall,	C. H. Sage,	E. D. Blackman,
A. J. Cooper,	J. M. Green.		

DELEGATES

A. E. Coates,	Addie Adams,	George Fahning,	A. D. Powell,
George Pettingill,	Harlow Hoyt,	Uriah Cross,	Ela Fields,
Joseph Upper,	C. Link,	Henry Downey,	Lucy Lacy,
Frank Ormsby,	Amelia Mehlberg,	William Curry,	E. Wright,
A. S. Parks,	D. P. Morse,	Etta Dean,	Lottie Ingalls,
Bert Augsbury,	Vincent Dean,	William Armston,	M. J. Sage,
B. Aldrich,	A. Tyrell,	Joel Snyder,	James J. Morrish,
C. E. Stoddard,	D. Richard,	R. H. Dawson,	A. M. Brown,
William Dye,	Verney Ransberry,	W. G. Wilber,	Nellie Robinson,
George Southwell,	Leonard McLease,	L. Snyder,	John Anderson,
Justice Misener,	Wright Bartlett,	Albert Yates,	Perry Oaks.
William Marvin,	E. A. Sage,	Estas Trumbel,	Abraham Goss.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, M. DeVoist, S. H. Porterfield, H. Voorhess, A. Yates, D. P. Morse, Leonard McLease, A. M. Brown.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Marshall W. Hoyt, Herbert Barnes.

4. Who remain on trial? James Clink, M. G. Powell, C. C. Van Wagoner, R. J. Dey, A. Thomas, Albert Potbury.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Jackson, E. B. Call, W. E. Hosmer, R. R. Haight, N. A. Davis, J. M. Green, A. J. Cooper, F. S. Crandall.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. J. Hallead, Charles Caswell, James McMillen.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. C. Van Wagoner, M. Cuthbert, J. M. Green.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? S. Johnson, William Rumley, D. C. Embery, C. H. Sage, W. S. Haight, James Burdett, J. W. Currier, I. Mudge, N. A. Davis, B. F. Doolittle, S. G. Bartlett.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? E. D. Blackman had his certificate renewed with a view to being transferred to the Oregon conference; H. Burse, to the Ohio conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. Johnson, $90; William Rumley, $40; D. C. Embery, $50; C. H. Sage, $150; W. S. Haight, $80; James Burdett, $45; J. W. Currier, $100; I. Mudge, $40; N. A. Davis, $70; B. F. Doolittle, $100; Hattie Bennett and one child, $66; S. G. Bartlett, $40. Total $871.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location was left with the district elders; the time as near the first Wednesday in September, 1907, as is convenient with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-third session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Bay City, Michigan, September 5-8, 1906, Rev. W. T. Hogue, presiding. Seven sittings were held.

S. H. Porterfield, M. DeVoist, H. Montgomery and H. Voorhess were each elected district elders on first ballot.

Rev. A. V. Leonardson, from the Michigan conference; Rev. L. G. Lewis, from the Ohio conference; Rev. B. F. Moore, pastor of Central M. E. church, Bay City; Rev. H. L. Yakes, from the Illinois conference; Rev. J. P. Verner, pastor of M. E. church, Bay City, W. S.; and Miss F. Grace Allen, returned missionary from Africa, were each introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The W. F. M. S. held an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon, conducted by F. Grace Allen. A good collection and subscription was taken.

The General Missionary Board was requested to make the following appropriations: To Burnside, Marlett and Mayfield circuit, $25; to Durand and Gaines circuit, $40; to the Kimball circuit, $25; to Port Huron Mission, $25.

The conference appointed E. D. Hartley, M. DeVoist, H. Voorhess, Perry Oaks and E. Fields a committee to act with a committee appointed by the North Michigan conference with a view to purchasing the state camp-meeting property in the city of Owosso for the establishment of an "Old People's Rest Home."

APPOINTMENTS

St. Johns District—H. Voorhess, District Elder, Ovid, Michigan.

St. Johns and South Ovid	P. Shoemaker; Minnie Shoemaker, supply.	St. Johns, Michigan
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka	W. J. Hallead,	Elsie, "
Ithaca, North Star and Sickles	R. J. Dey,	Ithaca, "
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant	J. N. Wilson,	Chapin, "
Durand and Gaines	W. E. Hosmer,	Durand, R. F. D., "
Owosso and Corunna	E. D. Hartley,	707 Grand avenue, Owosso, "
New Haven, Lennon and Forest	F. L. Crandall,	R. F. D. 7, Owosso, "
Locke, Perry and Williamston	A. E. Warren,	Williamston, "
South Lyon and Silver Lake	J. A. Spencer,	South Lyon, "
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler	William Mowery, supply,	Porter, "
Livingston	A. D. Warren	

S. Johnson, superannuated; J. W. Currier, superannuated, South Lyon, Michigan; C. C. Van Wagoner, supernumerary, St. Johns, Michigan; E. D. Blackman, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; B. H. Green, left without appointment.

Flint District—Hiram Montgomery, District Elder, 917 Oak Street, Flint, Michigan.

Flint and Genesee	W. H. Haight, 724 Oak street,	Flint, Michigan
West Flint, Linden and Swartz Creek	Bion Voorhess, R. F. D.,	Flint, "
Davison and Goodrich	R. Parker, supply,	Davison Station, "

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Clio and Flushing ..... H. Barnes, Clio, Michigan
Otisville ..... M. L. Bovee, Otisville, "
Montrose and Hazleton ..... C. D. Hoadley, Montrose, R. F. D., "
Germany ..... T. Selman, supply, Fenton, R. F. D. 2, "
Holly ..... To be supplied
Brandon and Oxford ..... A. Potbury, Oxford, Michigan
Amy and Pontiac ..... H. L. Yakes, supply, Amy, "
Washington, Ray and Bruce ..... R. R. Haight, Washington, "
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett ..... M. E. Howard, Hadley, "
Saginaw ..... N. M. Cooke, Saginaw, W. S., "

B. F. Doolittle, N. A. Davis, S. Bartlett, superannuated; M. Cuthbert, supernumerary; J. D. Bullock, conference missionary; H. Burse, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

Port Huron District—Samuel H. Porterfield, District Elder, Yale, Michigan.

Port Huron Mission .... M. J. Sage, supply, 1611 Thirteenth street, Port Huron, Michigan
Marine City and China ..... S. Reed, Marine City, "
Kimball ..... John Anderson, supply, Kimball, "
Memphis and Richmond ..... W. J. Jackson, Memphis. "
Yale, Ball and Avoca ..... E. B. Call, Yale, "
Sandusky ..... Marshall Hoyt, Sandusky, R. F. D., "
Snover and Argyle ..... F. E. Crippen, Sandusky, R. F. D., "
Harbor Beach and Delaware ..... A. E. Thomas, Harbor Beach, "
Ubly, Bad Axe and Mead ..... A. J. Stevens, Ubly, "
Wilmot and Evergreen ..... W. H. Iles. Wickware, "
Caro, Akron and Watrousville ..... C. Lum, supply, Caro, "
Mayville ..... James Clink, Mayville, "
Burnside, Marlett and Mayfield ..... C. E. Caswell; V. Caswell, supply. Marlett, "

C. H. Sage, superannuated, 1611 Thirteenth street, Port Huron, Michigan; I. Mudge, superannuated, Smith's Creek, Michigan; W. S. Haight, superannuated, Saginaw, W. S., Michigan.

Bay City District—Myron DeVoist, District Elder, 738 Lingle Avenue, Owosso, Michigan.

Bay City ..... W. W. Hoyt, 706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan
Bay City, West Side ..... F. J. Wager, supply, Bay City, W. S., "
Alamando and Crow schoolhouse ..... Amos Bruff, supply, Alamando, "
Fraser, Kawkawlin and North Williams ..... B. F. Ball, supply, Linwood, "
Aranac and Maple Grove ..... M. G. Powell, Aranac, "
Standish, Moore's Junction and Whitefeather ..... Nathan White, supply, Moore's Junction, "
Gladwin and New Sanilac ..... A. Tice, Gladwin, "
Maple Ridge and Melita ..... Frank Brace, supply, Maple Ridge, "
West Branch, Campbell's Corner and Edwards .. A. S. Stambaugh, West Branch, "
Indian Mission ..... William Henry, supply
Rose City ..... George E. Hungerford, supply, Rose City, Michigan
Lupton, South Branch and Sage ..... G. I. Chalker, supply, Lupton, "
Alpena and Long Lake ..... J. H. McMillan, Alpena, "
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt ..... W. G. Roe, Alpena, R. F. D., "
Mikado and Oscoda ..... To be supplied
Ellake and Maltby ..... To be supplied

William Rumley, superannuated, Gladwin, Michigan; J. P. Burdett, D. C. Embury, superannuated; J. M. Green, supernumerary.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Eunice Doolittle ..... Hadley, Michigan
Lucy M. Bovee ..... Otisville, "
Jane Wilson ..... Chapin, "
Martha Cantley ..... R. F. D. 1, Montrose, Michigan.
Minnie A. Shoemaker .. St. Johns, Michigan
Vinnie Caswell ..... Marlett, "
M. J. Sage ..... Port Huron, "
Anna L. Steer ..... Moose Jaw, North West Territory, Canada.
Moses Smith .... West Branch, R. F. D. 2, Michigan

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $649.35.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Apportioned and paid, $315.90.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $263.25.
Conference Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $263.25.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Apportioned and paid, $280.80.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $175.50.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $87.75.
Foreign Missions.—Received, $168.46.
Children's Fund.—$33.25.
Educational Fund.—$16.67.
Whole amount of money raised, $2,254.18.

II.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

Total amount of money to be raised for Conference Missions, 25 cents per member, to be appropriated as follows: Durand, $40; St. Johns, $50; Owosso, $20; district elder of Bay City district, $75; Saginaw, $35; Burnside, $40; Lupton, $35; Standish, $25; Caro and Akron, $20; J. D. Bullock, conference missionary, $50.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding and train the intellect for the highest efficiency in life's vocations. The great demand of this universally competitive age is a thoroughly trained mind well stored with practical knowledge. In the ministry this demand is second only to that of a baptism of the Holy Spirit and is well-nigh imperative.

We would not, however, unduly exalt mental attainments, for it is obvious that God has signally owned and blessed the zealous labors of many of our pioneers who were deprived of educational advantages in early life. Neither would we condone ignorance; nay, verily, we would condemn it, and kindly admonish our people to spare no pains for the advancement of useful knowledge and practical wisdom in all our ranks.

"The powers of man are vast," and "education multiplies the efficiency manifold," for "the man with a hammer may crush the boulder" while the same man in possession of engineering science and skill shatters a ledge acres in extent. So the minister in presenting the profound truths of the gospel to his ofttimes well-informed hearers, needs this essential qualification—a well developed and thoroughly trained mind. It is needless to dwell here longer, the necessity is obvious.

The public school system possesses many excellent features and doubtless "accomplishes what is intended," but in our opinion it fails in that moral and religious education which is indispensable to the building up of symmetrical characters. In many instances we fear it is too irreligious.

We have reason, however, for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the establishment of several seminaries and a college which are faithful exponents of our teachings and principles. To these we should lend our influence, send our young people, and freely contribute our means.

To those who contemplate entering the ministry and are in need of mental training, no better place can be found than Spring Arbor Seminary and Greenville College. In some instances men may be called to preach and not be called to school or college, but that idea wrongly applied has deterred many a man from due preparation in early life; hence he goes through life handicapped.

"Our general conference insists upon a certain amount of book knowledge," and we believe patient and persevering effort by the most diffident will lead to a mastery of the "course."

The objection to education is sometimes raised that it brings on that fatal disease, inflation. Well, some have perished from that cause, and others have died from diffidence. Surely divine grace will save from a fatality from either.

If we would continue our usefulness as public instructors a measurable degree of study is an absolute necessity; and amid the innumerable cares of the itineracy, time must be highly valued. Then, he who will redeem it from useless chit-chat and trifling visits will find enough time for the cultivation of his mind and the work of the ministry. He to whom time is not precious and who lives not by rule, never finds time sufficient for anything—is always embarrassed, always in a hurry, and never capable of bringing one good purpose to proper effect.

IV.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

The literature of a country is a mighty factor for good or evil. We may well thank God for the liberty of the press; but with this liberty comes danger. The country is flooded with all kinds of reading matter and much of it is not fit to enter a home and we need to be on our guard. Most of the newspapers of to-day are not what they should be, and we think it wrong for our people to spend their time in keeping track of all the murders and crimes and trash that fill the daily papers. Many of our people, we fear, spend time in reading and conversing over these that ought to be spent in reading good books and the Bible, or on their knees before God in prayer.

We would not allow some tale-bearer to come into our homes daily and tell the family of all the quarrels and troubles and nonsense of the neighborhood. It is right to keep posted on the current events of the day, but for this purpose we advise our people to get the cleanest paper they can find, though it costs them more; for it is certain that the reading matter of a home will have a mighty influence on the character of its inmates. All kinds of religious literature are flooding the country. The most of this is of a delusive and pernicious nature, and to avoid being deceived we recommend our people to purchase and place in their homes only such religious reading matter as our publishing house will furnish them. And let parents keep a close watch over the reading matter of their children as one bad book or paper might ruin a boy or girl forever. We recommend our own publications as being the best the world affords. Let our preachers see to it that the books of our publishing house and especially the *Free Methodist* is put into every home possible. We lament the fact that many of our people do not take our church paper but in its place a paper published by some of the holiness movements, consisting largely of religious gush and advertisements that are not uplifting to us as Free Methodists, simply because they can get it for fifty cents less a year than our own paper. We recommend that our preachers denounce this thing and urge upon our people their duty in regard to this matter. We also advise that every Free Methodist own a Discipline and study it until he is familiar with it. But above all other reading matter let us prize and read and study the Book that has made us what we are as a church, the Book which, by constant perusal and obedience to its teaching, will keep us what we ought to be as a church—God's Book, the Book of all other books, the Bible.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We are devoutly thankful that through the providence of God we have such an institution in our land where the youth, the middle-aged and the aged may gather each Sabbath and study the word of God. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures." We deplore the fact that the Bible does not have a more prominent place in our Sabbath-schools. While we can but speak well of our Sunday-school literature, we are often grieved to see the quarterlies used exclusively. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Then, again, there is a laxity on the part of the membership of our church in attendance at the Sabbath-school. The children are told to go while the parents remain at home and wonder why the cause of God does not prosper.

The preacher can be a great help and inspiration to the school if, in pastoral visitation he brings the subject before the people, invites them to attend, speaks of the good being accomplished, arranges for the observance of special days and prays earnestly for the officers and teachers. If he does this he will find that he will not only build up the Sabbath-school but will materially increase the attendance at the preaching services.

We wish to call your attention to the ten points of excellence suggested by the editor of our Sunday-school literature, Rev. W. B. Olmstead:

1. The Bible in the hands of every teacher and scholar.
2. A teachers' meeting and special teacher training work.
3. A good supply of all necessary helps, such as maps, charts, blackboard and library, the catechism, quarterlies and papers.
4. A Home Department.
5. A Cradle Roll.
6. Special temperance and missionary work.
7. Generous and systematic giving for the school, for missions and the church.
8. Complete and accurate records and reports.
9. The observance of special days.
10. Conversions among the children.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT											
St. Johns	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 10	$ 336 00	$ 36 00	$ 25 00	1	$ 3000	1	$ 1000
Elsie and Ovid	$ 2 00	$ 6 00	$ 35 00	2 55	394 00	48 00	.....	2	1800	1	800
Ithaca and Pompeii	.....	.....	.....	1 15	271 70	32 00	.....	1	1000	1	600
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant	.....	.....	13 68	2 40	316 63	32 00	.....	4	800	1	700
Eureka, S. Ovid, N. Star, Sickles	.....	.....	11 25	.....	157 02	20 00	.....	4	2650	..	.....
Gaines, Linden and Durand	.....	2 56	42 28	2 25	434 39	50 00	.....	3	3000	1	500
Owosso and Corruna	.....	.....	28 24	1 70	346 43	36 00	.....	2	1800	1	800
New Haven, Lennon and Forest	3 12	3 01	25 35	1 50	377 00	36 00	.....	3	3200	1	800
Locke, Perry and Fuller	2 75	2 52	42 00	.....	590 00	64 00	.....	1	1500	1	600
Livingston	.....	.....	30 96	2 85	412 15	52 00	.....	1	1200	1	800
South Lyon and Silver Lake	.....	.....	10 00	95	486 68	24 00	.....	2	1500	1	700
FLINT DISTRICT											
Flint	.....	4 65	54 12	2 85	582 00	61 12	.....	2	2500	1	2000
West Flint and Swartz Creek	3 28	.....	21 00	.....	287 00	33 36	.....	2	1800	1	800
Germany	72	.....	11 54	1 30	330 00	36 84	.....	1	1000	1	700
Holly	.....	.....	75	.....	45 00	4 48	10 00	1	1000	..	.....
Clio and Flushing	.....	.....	14 38	1 35	215 98	35 50	8 37	1	1500	1	200
Montrose and Hazelton	.....	.....	40 00	.....	288 61	50 00	.....	2	2000	1	500
Davison and Goodrich	1 00	2 00	10 00	1 70	393 63	42 24	45 00	1	1400	1	900
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett	1 20	1 71	14 67	1 90	309 69	43 36	2 80	1	2000	1	500
Amy, Brandon and Oxford	.....	.....	29 84	2 15	425 00	50 00	.....	2	2000	1	500
Washington, Ray and Bruce	1 00	.....	43 83	1 90	335 50	50 00	.....	2	2000	..	.....
Otisville	.....	.....	.....	2 85	354 21	55 12	.....	1	1000	1	600
Saginaw	.....	.....	20 00	1 15	454 00	31 20	.....	1	2000	1	1800
PORT HURON DISTRICT											
Port Huron	.....	.....	.....	35	78 81	20 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Marine City and Adair	...	.....	13 00	.....	267 29	24 00	.....	2	1800	1	400
Kimball	60	.....	18 93	1 10	218 00	24 00	.....	1	600	1	300
Memphis and Richmond	.....	.....	.....	2 15	317 65	42 00	.....	3	2000	1	600
Yale and Ball	.....	.....	35 15	1 65	350 00	44 00	4 00	2	2000	1	800
Sandusky	.....	1 50	50 22	2 30	328 00	49 00	.....	2	2100	1	800
Snover and Argyle	1 00	.....	53 30	2 95	376 75	44 00	1 40	2	1600	1	600
Harbor Beach and Delaware	.....	2 50	.....	1 15	365 00	36 00	.....	2	1800	1	700
Ubly, Bad Axe and Mead	.....	3 30	30 00	2 00	370 46	48 00	4 18	2	1800	1	500
Wilmot and Evergreen	.....	.....	30 00	1 85	210 76	32 00	.....	1	800	..	.....
Caro, Akron and Watrousville	.....	.....	8 22	80	219 14	27 00	.....	2	1000	..	.....
Mayville	.....	.....	14 00	1 30	380 00	30 00	.....	2	1600	1	500
Marlett, Burnside and Mayfield	.....	.....	.....	1 05	178 00	24 00	.....	1	800	..	.....
BAY CITY DISTRICT											
Bay City	.....	.....	31 98	2 00	422 55	32 00	.....	1	1200	1	500
Bay City, west side	.....	4 56	20 00	1 05	175 00	20 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
Fraser, Kawkawlin and N. Williams	.....	.....	10 97	.....	254 91	32 00	9 00	2	1400	1	550
Aranac, Maple Grove, White Feather	.....	.....	16 71	1 60	339 33	23 00	.....	2	950	..	.....
Gladwin and New Sanilac	.....	.....	45 00	3 00	400 00	32 00	78 05	1	700	1	500
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler	..	.....	51 48	.....	342 74	40 00	.....	1	2000	1	600
Alpena and Long Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt	.....	1 40	30 00	1 90	275 00	40 00	10 00	1	1500	1	500
Rose City	..	.....	60 00	2 10	420 00	40 00	.....	2	1700	1	800
Lupton, South Branch and Sage	.....	.....	8 00	.....	149 46	20 00	.....	..	.....	1	225
W. Branch, Campbells Cor., Edwards	.....	.....	66 00	1 90	300 72	32 00	.....	2	1500	1	500
Maple Ridge and Melita	1 00	94	.....	2 95	326 00	40 00	1 60	2	1600	1	450
Sterling, and Moore's Junction	.....	.....	.....	.....	198 18	16 00	.....	..	.....	1	250
Alamando and Crow schoolhouse	.....	.....	4 00	85	264 60	20 00	15 50	1	500	1	500
Indian Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	15 80	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mikado and Oscoda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$17 67	$36 65	$1095 85	69 60	15674 97	$1777 52	$ 214 90	79	$ 73600	41	$26875

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ST. JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT	H. Voorhess, District Elder																	
St. Johns	C. C. VanWagoner	29	5	34			1	9	70	6	$ 8 14	$ 3 96	$ 3 30	$ 3 30	$ 2 20	$ 3 52	$ 10 00	$ 5 00
Elsie and Ovid	W. J. Hallead	53	4	57			2	12	50	12	18 87	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	8 16	15 85	12 00
Ithaca and Pompeii	M. L. Bovee	22	5	27	1	2	1	7	36	6	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	50 00	.....
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant	Geo. Hungerford, supply	40	2	42	1	1	1	6	78	8	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	7 68	.....	6 30
Eureka, South Ovid, North Star, Sickles	M. G. Powell	17	1	18			1	6	25	2	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	.....	1 74	.....	5 00
Gaines, Linden and Durand	W. E. Hosmer	43	6	49	3		3	24	80	12	16 65	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50	7 20	9 15	40 19
Owosso and Corunna	E. D. Hartley	37	3	40	2		1	6	45	7	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	.....	15 50
New Haven, Lennon and Forest	Bion Voorhess	34	...	34	1		3	14	72	14	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 80	6 36	.....
Locke, Perry and Fuller	A. E. Warren	106	18	124	3		2	22	115	25	28 86	17 94	11 70	11 70	7 80	12 48	15 00	23 00
Livingston	A. D. Warren	52	...	52			1	8	60	13	21 09	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	.....	3 65	10 00
South Lyon and Silver Lake	J. A. Spencer	18	1	19		1	1	5	20	8	7 03	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	3 04	10 50	.....
FLINT DISTRICT	H. Montgomery, Dist. Elder																	
Flint	W. H. Haight	63	8	71			1	13	80	15	21 09	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	9 10	17 00	36 47
West Flint and Swartz Creek	H. Barnes, supply	21	...	21			1	11	60	3	7 40	4 60	3 00	3 00	2 60	2 60	4 10	.....
Germany	T. Selman, supply	27	1	28			1	10	30	5	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	21 55
Holly	A. Potbury, supply	2	3	5			1	4	7	1	72	46	30	30	20	32	25	.....
Clio and Flushing	R. Parker, supply	27	3	30			1	8	30	3	9 99	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	.....
Montrose and Corunna	C. D. Hoadley	39	2	41	2	1	2	12	49	5	17 76	8 64	6 20	7 20	4 80	7 68	.....	4 00
Davison and Goodrich	J. N. Wilson	29	..	29		1	2	10	30	11	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 44	3 18	.....
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett	M. E. Howard	36	...	36	1		1	7	25	5	14 06	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	3 37	5 30
Amy, Brandon and Oxford	S. G. Bartlett	47	5	52			2	10	50	8	15 91	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	6 88	.....	13 05
Washington, Ray and Bruce	N. M. Cooke	37	9	46	2		3	24	85	11	14 06	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	5 29	.....
Otisville	H. Burse	58	1	59	1		1	9	25	6	21 09	10 26	8 55	8 55	6 27	9 12	.....	15 00
Saginaw	P. S. Shoemaker, Minnie Shoemaker, supply	32	3	35	1	1	1	8	40	4	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	.....

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PORT HURON AND BAY CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'c'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORT HURON DISTRICT	S. H. Porterfield, Dist. Elder																	
Port Huron	M. J. Sage, supply	3	3	6	..	1	1	5	14	1	$ 2 59	$ 1 26	$ 1 05	$ 1 05	$ 70	$ 1 12	$ 6 41	.....
Marine City and Adair	A. Thomas	29	...	29	..		1	5	25	5	10 36	6 44	4 20	4 20	3 64	3 64	.....	.....
Kimball	John Anderson, supply	22	1	23	1	..	1	6	40	3	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	$ 11 75
Memphis and Richmond	F. E. Crippen	43	1	44	..		2	18	96	8	15 91	7 74	6 85	6 95	4 30	6 48	.....	.....
Yale and Ball	S. Reed	39	5	44	1		2	15	100	8	12 21	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	6 28	5 77	15 35
Sandusky	A. J. Stevens	46	2	48	1	1	3	40	244	9	17 02	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	7 36	55 50	.....
Snover and Argyle	W. J. Jackson	55	3	58	4	..	3	22	140	10	21 83	10 62	8 85	8 85	5 90	9 44	.....	28 73
Harbor Beach and Delaware	E. B. Call	39	8	47	1	..	2	16	80	14	11 47	5 58	.....	4 95	3 10	4 96	.....	7 00
Ubly, Bad Axe and Mead	C. Caswell, V. Caswell, sup	38	2	40	1	3	3	21	125	11	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	6 60	11 00
Wilmot and Evergreen	W. H. Iles	42	6	48	2	1	1	8	48	6	13 69	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	5 92	.....	9 00
Caro, Akron and Watrousville	C. Lumm, supply	17	..	17	..	..	1	10	40	4	5 92	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 53	.....	.....
Mayville	James Olink	20	5	25	..	1	1	8	30	8	9 62	4 16	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 68	.....	10 97
Marlett, Burnside and Mayfield	William Garvey, supply	19	3	22	1	..	1	5	20	9	7 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 70	3 36	.....	.....
BAY CITY DISTRICT	M. DeVoist, District Elder																	
Bay City	J. H. McMillen	38	5	43	..	1	1	8	33	5	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	.....	60 50
Bay City, west side	F. G. Wager, supply	19	5	24	..	..	1	7	30	3	6 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 36	.....	5 89
Fraser, KawKawlin, North Williams	B. F. Doolittle	32	3	35	1		2	8	50	3	15 91	9 89	6 45	6 45	1 98	6 88	1 00	.....
Aranac, Maple Grove, White Feather	F. S. Parks, supply	41	19	60	1	..	3	17	80		11 80	4 80	4 80	5 76	4 20	5 12	7 33	.....
Gladwin and New Saulac	F. Crandall	46	29	75	2	..	3	22	210	8	13 69	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	5 92	4 50	6 75
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler	Wm. Mowery, supply	66	19	85	2	..	5	31	120	5	22 20	10 80	9 00	9 00	6 00	9 60	7 19	7 01
Alpena and Long Lake	R. G. Dey, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt	W. G. Roe	41	3	44	..		2	10	80	3	14 06	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	....	38 00
Rose City	R. R. Hasght, F. Haight, sup	42	26	68	1	1	3	18	100	5	15 54	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	6 72	2 27	17 14
Lupton, South Branch and Sage	O. A. Freeman, E'ta Freeman supply	27	2	29	..	..	1	5	30	4	10 73	1 43	1 43	1 44	4 64	..	.....	.....
W. Branch, Campbells Cor. Edwards	A. S. Stambaugh	34	3	37	..		2	14	80	4	14 06	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 28	.....	.....
Maple Ridge and Melita	A. Tice	59	2	61	..	1	3	22	222	7	21 83	10 62	8 83	8 83	5 90	12 75	.....	16 75
Sterling and Moore's Junction	N. White, supply	19	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	1	6 66	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 20	.....	17 40	.....
Alamando and Crow schoolhouse	A. Cripps, supply	20	6	26	1	..	1	4	20	2	6 29	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	3 06	.....	.....
Indian Mission	William Henry, supply	10	3	13	1	1	1	4	32	....	2 96	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mikado and Oscoda		2	...	2	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1777	245	2022	39	18	84	594	3251	338	$6401 15	$ 313 82	$ 250 56	$ 257 58	$171 73	$260 06	$ 267 67	$458 23

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held at Birmingham, Iowa, August 29-September 2, 1906

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

E. A. CLARK, *Secretary.* H. S. STEWART, *Assistant Secretary.*

F. M. SMITH, *Statistical Secretary.* J. W. E. AMBROSE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, G. A. Anderson, W. W. Vinson, J. Graham.

On Publications—J. W. E. Ambrose, M. Bradley, Luke Scripter.

On Reforms—E. N. Miller, C. W. Carnes, Charles Linder.

On State of the Work—G. A. Anderson, W. W. Vinson, J. K. Cathcart.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Dalby, F. M. Smith, J. M. Carroll.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sunday-schools—F. C. Behner, J. W. White, J. Graham.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. A. Dalrymple.

On Education—E. A. Clark, T. M. Fenwick, O. E. Gaffin.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—E. P. Hart, W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson, S. S. Stewart, E. R. Casebeer.

On Ministerial Relations—J. W. White, F. M. Smith, C. W. Carnes, J. K. Cathcart, O. E. Gaffin.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. A. Clark, for five years; C. W. Carnes, for four years; W. W. Vinson, for three years; E. E. Hall, for two years; G. A. Anderson, for one year;

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Carnes, E. E. Hall, G. G. Booton, H. N. Dickson, Henry Hepker.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

L. Mendenhall, term expires 1907; C. W. Carnes, term expires 1908; E. E. Hall, term expires 1909; J. K. Cathcart, term expires 1910; O. E. Gaffin, term expires 1911.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions (15 cents) and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Salary; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund and Permanent Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—C. W. Carnes. *On Sunday-schools*—F. C. Behner.

On Education—E. A. Clark. *On Reforms*—E. N. Miller.

On State of the Work—W. W. Vinson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

IOWA CONFERENCE

PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,	J. C. Long,	L. Mendenhall,	E. E. Hall,
L. W. Rubardt,	C. W. Carnes,	J. P. Dowd,	G. A. Anderson,
W. C. Houts,	J. S. Booton,	W. E. DeHarppart,	W. J. Trimble,
H. S. Stewart,	J. W. White,	E. J. Fish,	J. W. E. Ambrose,
T. M. Fenwick,	E. E. Dalby,	Luke Scripter,	E. A. Clark,
H. A. Dalrymple,	E. N. Miller,	G. G. Booton,	F. M. Smith,
E. F. Samuelson.			

DELEGATES

Charles Linder,	O. E. Gaffin,	A. I. Conklin,	E. R. Casebeer,
Henry Hepker,	I. T. Maddy,	Ida Dalby,	J. M. Carroll,
M. Bradly,	J. H. Farley,	William Hall,	D. W. Anderson,
H. N. Dickson,	J. K. Cathcart,	S. S. Stewart,	Georgia Goodspeed,
J. Graham,	W. N. Robertson,	John Kryger,	A. M. Bryant.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson S. S. Stewart, E. R. Casebeer.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. C. Behner.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. F. Samuelson.

6. Who are the deacons? G. G. Booton, F. M. Smith, E. F. Samuelson.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. S. Booton.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. C. Thompson, J. C. Long, L. W. Rubardt, J. W. E. Ambrose, H. A. Dalrymple, L. Mendenhall.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. C. Houts, J. P. Dowd, H. S. Stewart, L. W. Rubardt.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Thompson, $125; J. C. Long, $45; L. W. Rubardt, $70; J. W. E. Ambrose, $30; H. A. Dalrymple, $15. Total, $285.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? W. W. Vinson, G. A. Anderson, Henry Hepker were appointed a committee on location; time to be as near the last Wednesday in August, 1907, as the general superintendents can arrange.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of the Iowa annual conference was held on the camp-ground at Birmingham, Iowa, August 29 September 2, 1906. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with his usual ability. His sermons and Sister Hart's exhortations were a great spiritual uplift to all.

Through the energy of District Elder W. W. Vinson and the hospitality of the Birmingham class the conference was well cared for.

Rev. L. B. Webb, of the Wisconsin conference, was present, representing the needs of Evansville Seminary. He held a meeting in the interests of Christian education, and a collection of $100 was taken for the above institution. Rev. W. B. Olmstead was present, representing the publishing house.

Sister Rose Cox held an interesting meeting Saturday afternoon under the auspices of

the W. F. M. S., and a collection was taken amounting to $60, for foreign missions. President W. A. Blanchard of Wheaton College, was present and delivered an interesting address on, "Secrecy." This session was harmonious and all were greatly blessed by having been present.

APPOINTMENTS

Fairfield District—W. W. Vinson, District Elder, 604 Monroe Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

Fairfield.....Belle Vinson, supply, Fairfield, Iowa
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....F. C. Behner, Birmingham, "
Coalport, Mt. Zion and Mt. Pleasant.....To be supplied
Ottumwa, First and Second churches.....
.....W. E. DeHarppart, 933 West Main street, Ottumwa, Iowa
White Elm and Bethel.....William Hager, supply, Selma, "
Eldon and Hickory Ridge.....To be supplied
Sigourney, Brighton and Delta.....To be supplied

W. W. Vinson, member of the Fairfield district quarterly conference; L. Mendenhall, superannuated; E. J. Fish, evangelist; W. C. Houts, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

Centerville District—W. W. Vinson, District Elder

Centerville and Cincinnati.....A. N. Kennedy, Ella Kennedy, supplies, Centerville, Iowa
Brompton.....E. F. Samuelson, Blakesburg, R. F. D. 2, "

Burlington District—W. W. Vinson, District Elder.

Burlington, North Hill.....E. A. Clark, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa
" South Hill.....To be supplied
Morning Sun and Oakwood Hall.....J. W. White, Morning Sun, Iowa

J. W. E. Ambrose, superannuated.

Des Moines District—G. A. Anderson, District Elder.

Des Moines.....T. M. Fenwick, 1333 West Twenty-second street, Des Moines, Iowa
Ackworth, Mason and Chariton.....C. W. Carnes, Ackworth, "
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....E. E. Dalby, Knoxville, "
Rose Hill and Oskaloosa.....To be supplied
Newton.....Luke Scripter, Newton, Iowa
Barnes City and Riggs.....J. H. Grovier, Phœbe Grovier, supplies, Barnes City, "

J. P. Dowd, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer; J. S. Booton, supernumerary.

Cedar Rapids District—G. A. Anderson, District Elder.

Maquoketa circuit.....D. N. Miller Maquoketa, Iowa
Cedar Rapids and Marion.....F. M. Smith, Marion, "
Toddville and No. 1.....James Jamison, supply, Toddville, "
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....W. J. Trimble, Walker, "

G. A. Anderson, member of the Cedar Rapids district quarterly conference; W. C. Thompson, J. C. Long, H. A. Dalrymple, superannuated; H. S. Stewart, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

Cedar Falls District—G. A. Anderson, District Elder.

Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Dunkerton.....John Bishop, supply, Dunkerton, Iowa
Radcliffe and Conrad.....G. G. Booton, Radcliffe, "

L. W. Rubardt, superannuated and granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

EVANGELISTS

Stella White..... Morning Sun, Iowa
Mrs. Carrie H. Fuller....1010 Main street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
T. J. Fuller.....Centerville, Iowa
Katie Holmes..... 711 South Tenth street, Burlington, Iowa.
Jennie Fuller.....Centerville, Iowa

LOCAL ELDERS

O. L. Mossman	Radcliffe, Iowa	A. L. Mossman	Radcliffe, Iowa
W. E. Boger	Oskaloosa, "	I. H. Ghorrill	Fairfield, "
A. S. Doughty	Fairfield, "	S. S. Stewart	Fairfield, "
H. S. Carpenter	Fairfield, Iowa		

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. N. Dickson	Rose Hill, Iowa	H. Strickland	Centerville, Iowa
J. Farley	Ackworth, "	A. Zaring	Oskaloosa, "
J. A. Fenwick	Des Moines, "	Frank Roberts	Ackworth, "
R. Earl	Summerset, "	J. Bishop	Dunkerton, "
James Jamison	Toddville, "	Henry Hepker	Toddville, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—Paid, $111.15.
Church Extension Fund.—Paid, $62.32.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Paid, $133.38.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Paid, $274.17.
Permanent Fund.—Paid, $28.15.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Paid, $118.56.
Conference Missions.—Paid, $59.87.
Children's Fund.—Paid, $15.15.
Foreign Missions.—Paid, $165.19.
Educational Fund.—Paid, $5.20.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It has been well said, "The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church." This being true it should receive our hearty support. Lasting impressions are made upon the minds of the young in the Sabbath-schools. The influence of early training has a great bearing upon the future of every child.

We feel the Sabbath-school is a necessity and a work that all our people should be much interested in. It deserves the earnest attention of the church.

Realizing that much depends on the character of the literature used, we heartily recommend such as is furnished by our publishing house.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is one of the greatest powers of the world to-day. It exerts an influence for both good and evil. We regret that such a volume of impure literature is being published and scattered all over the land, also much religious literature that contains such a mixture of truth and error that many are led away from the truth.

We rejoice that so much pure literature is being published so that our homes can be furnished with that which will build up and help form such character in our children as will honor and glorify God. As Christians we should guard against reading and subscribing for those so called holiness papers which teach a spurious holiness and oppose church organization. We would urge our people to patronize our own publishing house. We regret that so small a percentage of our people take the *Free Methodist*. We would urge our preachers to try and get the church paper into every Free Methodist family. We would recommend our Sabbath-school supplies, also the *Missionary Tidings*, *Earnest Christian*, *Olive Branch* and *Lighthouse Messenger*.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

We believe that we stand second to no church in the land on the line of moral reform.

Sabbath Observance.—We stand opposed to all kinds of Sabbath desecration, and we deplore the growing tendency toward an open Sabbath as seen in Sunday excursions, ball games, picnics, Sunday papers, social visiting, buggy riding, etc.

Prohibition.—We believe that the liquor traffic is the blighting curse of our nation and that there is no way to successfully deal with this monstrous evil but by legislation,

and as the Prohibition party is the only party in the field to-day that pledges itself to the prohibition and extinction of the liquor traffic, we feel called upon to renew our pledge to support that party and vote the Prohibition ticket. While we entertain the highest regard and due respect for the chief executive of our nation, and are struck with a feeling of admiration of his fearlessness in attacking strongly entrenched trusts, combines and monopolies and many other lines of wickedness in high places, yet we are humiliated when we are reminded that thus far, not a syllable has been written in any message to Congress calling attention to this, the greatest foe that threatens our government, our homes and our churches, namely, the liquor traffic. We call upon all lovers of home and liberty to stand with us and help to remove this curse from our midst.

Secret Societies.—We still maintain our position regarding secret societies, believing them to be wrong in principle, a menace to the church and a hindrance to the work of God.

Worldly Conformity.—We contend that this is no time to let down the standard along this line. We think all of our preachers, their wives and children should be examples of the flock in cleanliness, neatness and plainness of attire. We are glad to note that the most of our people are keeping to the plain way, but we cannot overlook the fact that in many instances there has come a marked change in the attire from what it used to be. Let us be careful, brethren. Religion does not consist in dress, but if we are going to be pilgrims let us hold to the pilgrim way.

We note with pleasure the reforms which are going on in some of the denominational schools, namely, the abandonment of the base ball and foot ball games. Also the abandonment of operatic singing, and a return to the good old way.

V.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We feel grateful to God for his watch care over us in the year that is past. We are living in an age of sin and wickedness more awful than in any other age, with worldly amusements, debasing in their effects, sanctioned and condoned by the officers of the law, who ought to be the guardians of morals and purity. Godliness and holiness seem to be very much out of place in this world and her ministers and adherents are relegated to the rear and called fogies of the past ages. But the command to us is, "Press on." victory is sure to those who trust in the Great Commander. Hence we take courage and gird our loins with the girdle of God's truth, and expect victory in Jesus' name. We are glad to report that four camp-meetings have been held, all of which were a source of spiritual blessing. We urge our people to be more careful to arrange to attend our annual gatherings. For we are persuaded that if the day ever comes when we fail to meet in camp-meeting in the leafy grove we will become a divided and selfish people, when God will remove our candlestick from us and we have a name to live and are dead. We are glad to say that with few exceptions our circuits and charges are in splendid condition spiritually and financially. Our preachers are receiving better allowances, but there is still room for great improvement on this line. A great deal of responsibility on the line of pastoral support rests with the district elders. Any elder who will not look after his preachers' welfare, both spiritually and financially, is not worthy of the office intrusted to him. We think it will not lower his dignity to become a steward on the circuits and raise the deficiencies that may occur in the pastors' allowances, when the stewards fail to do their duty as is often done. We also believe it the preacher's duty to look after his elder's support and thereby relieve the elder from financial cares that he may be able to give his whole spirit, soul and body to the service of his Master.

We are most happy to be able to report a spirit of loyalty to the "landmarks which our fathers have set."

Our district meetings ought to be better attended by the laity. These meetings are calculated by our law-makers to be a means of spiritual uplift. We urge all our pastors to set before our people the necessity of attending these quarterly gatherings. We are pleased to report an increase of membership in the conference this year. It is small, 'tis true, but we believe substantial.

VI.—ON EDUCATION.

Education is not chiefly directed to things of common and vulgar use, subservant to bodily accommodations and productive of external prosperity; neither is its full force spent in shaping, fortifying and ennobling the mind; but in addition to these the claims of education find a response from the spiritual nature, calling out, and developing to their fullest capacities the finest faculties of our being. Plato says, "Good education is that which gives to the body and soul all the perfection of which they are capable." The first step in the process of education is always to seek higher thoughts to lower thoughts. To know, as Isaiah says, "For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver." To so walk and talk with the Mighty One that in the intellectual and spiritual life he will transmute brass to gold and iron to silver.

This conception of education is essentially modern and the more it takes possession of

our minds the more it will be realized that education does not consist in following mere courses of study, memorizing understood statements, but rather the free and joyous exercise of all the human powers in the search for truth.

We deplore the fact that the Bible is so largely excluded from our public schools, and that spiritual religion is so largely ignored in so many of the so-called Christian schools.

Recognizing that the character of the work done in our college and seminaries is strictly in keeping with our conception of Christian education, we therefore urge that both pastors and parents, insist that the children of our Free Methodist homes attend some one of our schools.

Believing that the interests of this conference would be greatly enhanced, while its influence would in no wise be impaired, by a more liberal and generous policy in educational work, we therefore urge a more general observance of Children's Day, and taking a collection in every Sunday-school, as required by ¶ 196 of our Discipline.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT											
Fairfield	$ 2 20	$ 3 00	$ 40 00	$ 2 50	$ 441 67	$ 80 48	.....	1	$ 1000	1	$ 800
Birmingham and Oak Grove		1 60	27 82	1 85	247 42	57 20	.....	2	1500	1	600
Coal Port and Mt. Zion	1 00	.....	10 98	75	264 43	29 10	$ 11 69	2	1000	1	350
Ottumwa	....	.....	64 90	1 40	600 00	45 85	25 00	2	2500	1	1150
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel	...	...	27 19	2 65	336 38	84 80	.....	3	2000	1	1000
Sigourney, Brignton and Delta	....	.....	.....	65	156 00	29 86	7 05	2	800	1	500
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT											
Centerville and Cincinnati	.....	.....	27 75	2 05	326 00	58 50	.....	1	1000	1	500
Brompton	...	....	10 27	50	141 40	30 20	23 42	1	800	..	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, North Hill	...	.....	9 50	1 35	453 49	38 55	.....	1	3500	1	800
Burlington, South Hill, Mt. Pleasant			14 00	1 35	171 25	42 75	38 30	1	3000	1	1500
Morning Sun	1 00	1 25	38 18	1 35	300 70	41 45	23 35	1	1000	1	700
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT						31 05					
Knoxville and Flagler	...	3 09	28 00	1 85	400 00	54 00	26 00	2	1800	1	1500
Des Moines	.....		54 40	1 05	760 91	65 45	66 60	..	.....	..	.....
Newton and Wilson	...	3 00	24 45	1 45	246 55	47 08	.....	1	1200	1	1000
Barnes and Riggs	....		4 25	15	102 00	23 05	.....	1	800	1	500
Rose Hill, Oskaloosa, Whatcheer	.....	2 11	11 50	1 65	357 66	48 30	.....	2	1650	1	700
Ackworth, Mason and Summerset	....	.....	15 00	....	400 00	49 05	.....	2	1500	1	500
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT											
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Dunkerton	...	.....	18 55	1 70	542 71	69 34	.....	2	3000	2	2000
Radcliffe	.....	.....	13 11	60	152 05	36 20	24 00	1	1200	1	1000
Conrad	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	15 35	.....	1	1000	1	300
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Cedar Rapids and Marion	...	....	40 56	2 05	435 00	51 12	22 03	2	2000	1	500
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, DeWitt and Monmouth and Crafton	...	1 10	48 90	2 60	270 00	62 70	36 00	5	5000	..	.....
Toddville and No. 1	...	.....	52 5	.	385 00	63 60	35 00	2	2000	1	600
Walker and Cedar Ridge	.....		20 00	75	425 00	36 41	16 00	2	1800	1	1100
Total	$ 4 20	$15 15	$ 603 90	$30 85	$9915 62	$1191 75	$ 354 44	40	$ 41500	22	$17600

Raised for tracts, $1.20.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

FAIRFIELD, CENTERVILLE, BURLINGTON, KNOXVILLE, CEDAR FALLS AND CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'c'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT																		
Fairfield	F. C. Behner	52	4	56	4	2	1	9	48	11	$ 18 50	$ 9 00	$ 5 00	$ 7 50	$ 5 00	$ 8 00	$ 140 64	$ 55 60
Birmingham and Oak Grove	Cordelia Peterson	44	2	46	1	..	2	17	76	9	13 69	6 66	3 70	5 55	3 70	5 92	7 70	10 00
Coal Port and Mt. Zion	J. H. Grovier	13	..	13	..	..	2	8	40	5	5 55	2 70	1 50	2 25	1 50	2 40	1 60	4 00
Ottumwa	W. E. DeHarppart	40	32	72	2	..	2	17	100	8	10 86	5 01	2 80	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	27 35
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel	J. W. E. Ambrose	45	..	45	1	1	3	21	46	14	19 61	9 54	1 30	7 95	5 30	8 48	.....	.....
Sigourney, Brighton and Delta	P. J. Bentley	15	..	15	..	1	..	....	....	2	4 81	2 34	1 30	1 55	1 30	2 08	1 00	1 00
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT																		
Centerville and Cincinnati	G. G. Booton	39	..	39	1	2	1	5	40	....	12 17	7 38	4 10	6 15	4 00	5 05	.....	27 68
Brompton	E. F. Samuelson	10	2	12	1	1	1	4	30	8	3 70	1 80	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	10 55	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT																		
Burlington, North Hill	E. A. Clark	31	..	31	..	..	1	6	65	9	9 99	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	4 32	10 00	15 50
Burlington, South Hill, Mt. Pleasant	W. W. Vinson	30	..	30	..	3	1	4	30	5	8 52	4 86	1 00	4 05	1 17	3 50	3 60	5 90
Morning Sun	John W. White	45	8	53	1	1	2	17	103	11	9 00	5 22	2 90	4 20	2 90	4 32	10 00	23 00
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT																		
Knoxville and Flagler	J. P. Doud	57	10	67	..	1	1	7	60	7	13 69	6 66	3 70	5 55	3 70	5 92	28 60	.....
Des Moines	T. M. Fenwick	39	9	48	..	..	1	8	50	6	7 77	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10	3 36	20 56	.....
Newton and Wilson	A. N. Kennedy	24	1	25	..	..	1	5	20	8	10 73	4 22	2 90	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	10 30
Barnes and Riggs	E. E. Dalbey	13	..	13	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 11	54	50	45	30	48	.....	.....
Rose Hill, Oskaloosa and Whatcheer	F. M. Smith	32	2	34	4	..	1	6	40	16	12 21	5 94	3 30	4 95	3 30	5 28	30 00	.....
Ackworth, Mason and Summerset	Luke Scripter	47	1	48	6	2	2	14	50	7	13 29	6 48	3 60	5 25	3 50	5 57	.....	.....
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT																		
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Dunkerton	E. N. Miller	35	6	41	..	1	2	8	25	13	12 58	6 12	3 40	5 10	3 40	5 44	.....	40 46
Radcliffe	G. A. Anderson	10	..	10	2	1	1	5	13	4	4 44	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 92	4 93	.....
Conrad	G. A. Anderson	8	..	8	..	..	..	....	....	2	4 44	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT																		
Cedar Rapids and Marion	H. S. Stuart	44	3	47	1	1	2	10	55	7	13 87	7 38	1 05	6 15	2 05	3 55	.....	11 15
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, DeWitt, Monmouth and Crafton	W. J. Trimble	53	3	56	3	..	3	22	125	8	19 24	9 36	5 20	7 80	5 20	8 32	.....	17 75
Toddville and No. 1	C. W. Carnes	51	15	66	1	..	2	13	125	11	19 61	9 54	4 00	7 95	2 50	8 00	8 41	.....
Walker and Cedar Ridge	H. A. Dalrymple	29	..	29	..	..	3	14	50	6	8 00	5 00	2 70	4 50	2 00	4 80	1 11	.....
Total		806	98	904	28	16	31	219	1191	171	$ 356 98	$ 127 74	$ 91 95	$ 107 75	$ 64 72	$109 25	$ 356 98	$249 69

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual Session, held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 12-16, 1906

OFFICERS

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COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, E. J. Roberts, F. S. Kamm.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. A. Wolfe, A. W. Gillingham.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. O. Dietzman, Aldo Raymond, Jennie Livingston, Nellie Lysennaar.
On Missions—W. L. Meikle, E. N. Hawley, John McLeod, Ellen Robb.
On Publications—D. W. Hart, A. D. Gillette, William Holden, Minnie Riedl.
On Education—F. L. Burns, H. W. Hills, Owen Owens, Mrs. E. P. Tullis.
On Sabbath-schools—A. E. Knaak, F. F. Wolfe, John Maley, D. W. Young.
On Reforms—C. H. Chase, D. O. Dietzman, Mrs. O. G. Barnes, William Bell, A. Packer.
On State of the Work—L. B. Webb, J. Turgeson, Samuel Egger, Fred Shaffer.
On Memoirs—J. J. Jones, L. B. Webb, E. Z. Thwing, O. Owens, Mrs. Ellen Robb.
On Complimentary Resolutions—G. W. Endicott, F. F. Wolfe, A. D. Gillett, R. Pearsall, Grant Hamilton.
To Visit Evansville Seminary—W. L. Meikle, D. O. Deitzman.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—L. B. Webb.
On State of the Work—J. Turgeson.
On Missions—R. H. Warren.
On Sabbath-schools—G. W. Endicott.
On Reforms—E. O. Dietzman.
On Publications—E. N. Hawley.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. W. Hart, president, retires in 1909; E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1907; W. H. Hills, retires in 1908.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. Z. Thwing, president, Lewis Bushnell, retire in 1908; A. J. Damon, E. P. Tullis, retire in 1907; E. N. Hawley, J. Turgeson, re-elected, retire in 1909.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

L. B. Webb, president, E. P. Tullis, retire in 1907; J. Turgeson, Oscar Johnson, retire in 1908; E. N. Hawley, retires in 1909.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

L. B. Webb, president, E. N. Hawley, retire in 1908; E. Z. Thwing, retires in 1907; J. Turgeson, A. W. Gillingham, retire in 1909.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

November, General Missions and Home Missions; February, General Superin-

tendents' Salary; April, Conference Claimants' Fund; June, Evansville Seminary Fund; August, Permanent Fund and Church Extension.

OFFICERS OF WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID

L. B. Webb, president; R. H. Warren, secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Florence Maxon; vice-president, Mrs. F. S. Kamm; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. C. Roberts, 326 Third avenue, Baraboo, Wisconsin; recording secretary, Mrs. M. C. Wolfe; treasurer, Miss Hattie Dryer; librarian, Mrs. M. C. Roberts.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Z. Thwing,	W. G. Hanmer,	L. B. Webb,	J. Turgeson,
C. Siggelkow,	E. J. Roberts,	A. J. Damon,	F. F. Wolfe,
E. N. Hawley,	A. C. Jett,	C. A. Cusick,	F. L. Burns,
D. G. Jones,	D. O. Dietzman,	D. W. Hart,	E. A. Wolfe,
J. J. Jones,	R. H. Warren,	H. W. Hills,	F. S. Kamm,
A. E. Knaak,	A. D. Gillett,	C. H. Chase,	W. L. Meikle,
G. W. Endicott,	W. Plant,	E. O. Dietzman,	J. S. Whiting,
J. L. Phillips.			

DELEGATES

William Bell,	William Holden,	Tilda Barnes,	Clara Adams,
Alonza Packer,	A. W. Gillingham,	John McLeod,	Fannie Knaak,
Ellen Robb,	Owen Owens,	John Maley,	D. W. Young,
Fred Shaffer,	Jennie Livingston,	Alice J. Tullis,	Minnie Riedl,
Samuel Eggar,	Robert Pearsall,	Florence Maxon,	Grant Hamilton,
Mrs. J. M. Kellett.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, L. B. Webb, J. Turgeson, E. J. Roberts, John McLeod, Owen W. Owens, William Bell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. F. Fero, by transfer from the Susquehanna conference.

4. Who remain on trial? Carroll Smith, J. W. Kendall, W. B. Goode, J. Walter Jones, discontinued at his request.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. S. Whiting, E. O. Dietzman.

6. Who are the deacons? F. L. Burns, J. J. Jones, A. E. Knaak, W. L. Miekle, Aldo Raymond. Local deacons, J. A. Manion, D. G. Jones, J. Walter Jones.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. S. Kamm.

8. Who have located this year? D. G. Jones.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Aldo Raymond, A. C. Jett, J. J. Jones.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? E. Z. Thwing C. A. Cusick.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. L. Phillips, from the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. Emory Coleman.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. Z. Thwing, $150; C. A. Cusick, $90; Mary L. Coleman, $150; Eliza Thompson, $25.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location is left with the district elders; the time to be as near the middle of September, 1907, as will suit the plan of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-second session of the conference was held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 12-16, 1906.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided. His presence was an inspiration to us all and the memory of his wise counsels and sound doctrine both in sermons and addresses will remain a benediction through the coming years.

There were five sittings of the conference, all pleasant and harmonious. The business was quickly dispatched.

The conference granted the petition from the brethren of the North, to request the general conference to grant the organization of a North Wisconsin conference.

An impressive and solemn memorial service in memory of Rev. J. Emory Coleman who died at Galveston, Texas, last June, was held at the fifth sitting of the conference.

On Sunday morning J. S. Whiting and E. O. Dietzman were ordained deacon and Sunday afternoon F. S. Kamm was ordained elder.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held an interesting and inspiring meeting Sunday afternoon. Miss Rose Cox of India gave the address. The treasurer reported that over thirteen hundred dollars had been raised during the year. The offering at this service amounted to over two hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions.

It was ordered to raise ten cents per member for the Emergency Fund for Evansville Seminary, and twenty-five cents per member for Home Missions. All of the conference collections are to be sent to H. W. Hills, Humbird, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. A. Flower of St. Louis, was present at the conference, conducting the evangelistic services and also representing the work of the Lighthouse Mission. He also had charge of the publishing house interests.

APPOINTMENTS

Evansville District—E. J. Roberts, District Elder, 326 Third Avenue, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Evansville and Albany ..... L. B. Webb, O. F. Fero, Evansville, Wisconsin
Milwaukee, First church and Second church ..... "
..... R. H. Warren, 620 Twentieth street, Milwaukee, "
Marshall ..... To be supplied
Whitewater and Palmyra ..... To be supplied

W. G. Hanmer, general conference evangelist, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; C. A. Cusick, superannuated Greenville, Illinois; Carroll Smith, missionary to Africa; F. L. Burns, given an appointment in the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference, 315 West Miller street, Mason City, Iowa; Aldo Raymond, supernumerary; E. J. Roberts, member Evansville district quarterly conference.

Platteville District—E. J. Roberts, District Elder.

Platteville, Arthur and Cuba City ..... E. N. Hawley, Platteville, Wisconsin
Montfort and Livingston ..... F. S. Kamm, Montfort, "
Boscobel ..... To be supplied

A. J. Damon, principal Orleans Seminary, Orleans, Nebraska.

Beaver Dam District—G. W. Endicott, District Elder, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Beaver Dam.....D. W. Hart, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Pardeeville.....F. F. Wolfe, corner Frederick and Irving streets, Oshkosh, "
Oshkosh.....J. A. Watson, supply, 240 Elm street, Oshkosh, "
Baraboo and Excelsior.....J. S. Whiting, 540 Seventh avenue, Baraboo, "

J. J. Jones, supernumerary, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Richland District—G. W. Endicott, District Elder.

Richland Center.....D. O. Dietzman, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Gillingham and Mill Creek.....C. H. Chase, Gillingham, "
Loyd, Little Willow and Hub City.....C. Siggelkow, Loyd, "
LaFarge and Bear Creek.....E. O. Dietzman, LaFarge, "
Hills, Prairie and Revells Valley.....R. S. Peckham, supply, Hillsboro, "
LaValle and Necedah.....Ella M. Southwick, supply, Elroy, "

W. Plant, supernumerary; G. W. Endicott, member of Richland district quarterly conference.

Northern District—J. Turgeson, District Elder, Barron, Wisconsin.

Rhinelander, Monico Junction and Jeffries.....J. L. Phillips, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
Three Lakes.....E. A. Wolfe, Three Lakes, "
Buckbee, Clintonville and Sherman.....To be supplied
Humbird and Augusta.....H. W. Hills; A. L. Johnson, supply, Humbird, Wisconsin
York Center circuit.....A. E. Knaak; Fannie Knaak, supply, Granton, "
Barron circuit.....L. M. Phillips, supply, Barron, "
Sioux Creek circuit.....W. B. Goode, Chetek, "
Sioska circuit.....C. S. Adams; Clara Adams, supply, Chetek, "
Menomonie.....To be supplied
Weyerhauser.....L. V. Edgbert, supply, Weyerhauser, Wisconsin
Polk County.....H. Robinson, supply
Ladysmith.....Fred Shaffer, supply, Barron, Wisconsin
Burnett and Douglass Counties.....J. W. Kendall; Olive Kendall, supply

E. Z. Thwing, superannuated, Augusta, Wisconsin; A. D. Gillett, conference evangelist, Barron, Wisconsin.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Ira Emerton.....Evansville, Wisconsin
Lee Munns.....Evansville, "
Miss Mabel Lane..114 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.
Robert Pate.....Pardeeville, Wisconsin
Robert Pearsall.....Marshall, "
Mrs. Nora Jones.....Portage, "
Lisa M. Saugstad.....Sparta, "
Mrs. Sarah Whiting..Baraboo, "
J. A. Manion.....Boscobel, "
Frank Doubleday..Lake Mills, "
Celia Kast.....Baraboo, "
E. M. Southwick.....Elroy, "
Orin Tallman.....
Richard Hanson.....Barron, "
Lee Smith.....
H. Robinson.....
Arthur Tripp.....Rhinelander, "
Leo V. Edgbert.....
A. L. Johnson.....
Mrs. Eunice Alderman.....
Mrs. Mabel E. Wolfe.....Three Lakes, Wisconsin.
Grace J. Webb.....Evansville, Wisconsin
Mary L. Coleman..Spring Arbor, Michigan
Mrs. Mary Roberts..326 Third avenue, Baraboo, Wisconsin.
E. P. Tullis.....Pardeeville, Wisconsin
Mrs. A. G. Moore.....Hancock, "
David G. Jones.....Portage, "
Mrs. D. W. Hart...Beaver Dam, "
Elias Gillingham....Gillingham, "
Mrs. Christie Damon.....Orleans, Nebraska
Mrs. Florence Maxon..Neilsville, Wisconsin
John Maley.....Hub City, "
William Bell.....Sioux Creek, "
Fred Shaefer, Sr.....Barron, "
Clinton Hanson.....Barron, "
Edward P. Zellar.....Neilsville, "
Grant Hamilton....Rhinelander, "
John Wetmore.....Clintonville, "
Charles Adams.....
A. J. Poole.....
Miss Bertha Townsend.....
Mrs. Abbie Hasbrouck.....187 Ninth street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Mrs. Olive Kendall.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

To call the attention of the people to the lives of men who have been faithful to God in their day and generation is reasonable and profitable. What is that notable register in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews but the names of those who were faithful to God and who are set down as examples for our comfort and cheer.

We read in the word of God that "the memory of the just is blessed," and that "the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." We should consider the end of their conversation that we may be reminded of the great goodness of God who gave them to us for a season, that we consider anew what use we have made of their ministry, and that we wait upon God to the end that others may be raised up to help fill the gap that is made in our numbers.

To write the memoir of an ordinary individual would be well-nigh impossible, for every thing pertaining to him would be ordinary, and the memoir would be no more suitable to the one than to ten thousand others like him. Striking personal characteristics are the materials in part from which memoirs are made; but profitable memoirs must possess more than this; they must reveal to us greatness united with virtue. Some have attained greatness whose passage through life has been like a scourge, and under whose monuments lie crushed tens of thousands of men, and the blasted hopes of millions of people. Volumes have been written of Herod the Great, Peter the Great and Alexander the Great; but when the saints of God would contemplate greatness that shall enrich the soul, they turn to walk for a time along the paths of faith with Abraham, or listen to the self-exhortations of patient Job, or learn more fully the lessons of meekness with Moses, as he contends with the trials and hardships in the Arabian wilderness. What soul-health and blessing would result from more frequent journeyings with the beloved disciple, John, and what inspiration and enrichment of experience comes to him who goes with Paul upon some of his missionary journeys. Surely, "the memory of the just is blessed."

We come to-day to the consideration of no ordinary personality; no memoir that has ever been written would fit him. A man of commanding presence, of unusual gifts and graces, of strong intellectual powers; a man whose mind was thoroughly trained and richly furnished, whose heart beat in full sympathy for the age in which he lived, and who never once lost sight of the message that he was commissioned to bear to the people, but who persisted in the performance of God's work until he was called to receive the martyr's crown.

John Emory Coleman was born February 27, 1855, in Perry, Wyoming county, New York. He reached the end of his earthly journey at Galveston, Texas, Tuesday, June 12, 1906. He was a son of General Superintendent G. W. Coleman. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, his father, one brother, two sisters, and a great multitude of friends throughout our land, who sincerely mourn their great loss. He was converted in early boyhood, was reclaimed at 18 years of age, from which time he has lived constantly for God. August 25, 1880, he was married to Miss Lucy M. Sellew of Dunkirk, New York. To them two children were born, Meda, who died in infancy, and John Emory, at whose birth Mrs. Coleman died. August 19, 1890, he was married to Miss Mary L. Hopkins, of Gerry, New York. To them were born a son and daughter, George and Louise. He finished his college preparatory course at the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary in June, 1875, at twenty years of age, and at twenty-four years finished his college course at the University of Rochester. Shortly after he took charge of Evansville Seminary. He continued in charge for fifteen years when, because of broken health, he resigned in 1894. In 1895, he was elected district elder in the Wisconsin conference, in which capacity he served continuously for eight years. He served as pastor at Evansville one year, after which he removed to Texas where he hoped to recover his failing health.

It was in Evansville Seminary that he did his greatest work. For it he laid down his life. Coming to it when there was no past to refer to, no district, nor district elder, no pastor, no class, no members, no financial agent, no executive committee, he began the work. The school opened with sixteen students, and under his administration it reached its highest enrolment of pupils, was on the accredited list of the State University, to which position it has but shortly returned. In 1888 a new building was ordered. He was building committee, as well as for years principal, pastor, class leader, executive committee, etc. In seven years' pastorate he never missed a prayer-meeting, or other religious service. His appeals for help and relief were neglected. Conference, failing to appreciate the greatness of the work he was undertaking, paid scant heed to his requests. A great painter, asked by a pupil what he mixed into his paints to produce such fine tints, replied, "Brains, sir!" but into the Evansville Seminary, into its mortar and walls, have gone the brains and life-blood of "the noblest Roman of them all." But better than that, as he lay sick unto death, there came the letters of appreciation and of undying love from all parts of the land; from those upon whose lives he had placed an imprint, such as few men are able to place upon their pupils. He was a strong disciplinarian. "He drove," as one has said,

"with a loose rein, but there never was any doubt about who was the driver." The mark he placed upon his students was a good one—it was Christ-like.

As everywhere else, so also in his family, his life was ideal. Brother Coleman was an ardent lover, and became more so as the years passed by. One who was a member of his family for twelve years, testifies, "He had the keenest appreciation of what constitutes the true home life, and daily, hourly, momentarily demonstrated that fact by his walk and conversation. During my residence in the family, I cannot recall one unkind or hasty word spoken to any member of the family. His presence was a constant inspiration to noble living, the development of mind, heart and soul, and to devotion to the cause of the Master. He was the soul of patience, and never forgot to be kind and courteous under the severest provocation. Although everything in the home circle seemed to revolve around him, and continued ill health and frequent attacks of intense physical suffering made it necessary for him to receive a great deal of care and attention from different members of the family, yet he never became selfish or domineering, and even at times when his body was racked by pain, never failed to say "Thank you" for the service rendered, or "Will you please" for any request made.

While carrying a load, mentally and physically, that would have crushed most men, he could always enter heartily and cheerfully into whatever pertained to the home life as a whole, and into the individual life of each member of the family. He knew so well how to practise as well as sing,

> "Go bury thy sorrow, the world hath its share,
> Go bury it deeply, go hide it with care,
> Go think of it calmly when curtained by night,
> Go tell it to Jesus, and all will be right."

He was a man of prayer. He not only knew how to talk to men for God, but he knew how to talk to God for men. With reverent familiarity, he talked with God his father. His life was always fragrant with the presence which comes only to them who live in close communion with the Eternal. The secret of that rare pervasive power that characterized him always and everywhere, was in his prayer touch with the divine.

When a great church in England was to be dedicated, some one asked "Who will preach the sermon?" An aged minister replied, "Almost any one can do that, but who will offer prayer?" If it was a great occasion, no one feared if it was announced that Prof. Coleman would lead the congregation in prayer. Heaven never seemed far away when he led us to the throne of grace. Or, if he knelt on the bare floor of the humble cottage of the poorest of the saints, that home was made permanently rich, and they felt that a prince who had prevailed had been there. One who spent years in Evansville Seminary said "his prayer was always new; I never heard him repeat himself, not even the phrases." He triumphed through prayer.

Personally, he did not feel that he was called to spend his life in the schools. He felt that he was called to be a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to this work he brought a wealth of natural endowment and a rich, deep, spiritual experience. His ministry was thoroughly scriptural and spiritual. There was in his preaching no weak sentimentality or vain speculation, but ever the great, fundamental truths of the gospel of Christ. He found in the Bible a sufficient gospel to occupy his best thought, and never offered to his hearers any new and strange doctrines. He contended for and gave the largest possible liberty to the operations and work of the Holy Ghost. If there was one phase of religious truth that he emphasized more than another, it was the absolute necessity of a deeply spiritual religion. Nothing could take the place of, or stand in the way of the presence and liberty of the Spirit. When we listened to him we were made to feel that we listened to one who was commissioned to contend against principalities and powers, against every mean, unmanly and unrighteous thing; one who presented Jesus Christ and him crucified, and in the presentment, kept himself hid from view. He never directed his efforts to attract attention to himself. His whole nature detested affectation and display. He used the simplest and choicest language. He did not address us from some cold, exalted height, but with warm, sympathetic words from the very heart. "We felt that he struggled by our sides, that we were in the battle ordained of old, that there were no spectators, but that all took sides, and the stakes for which we contended were life and death." He declared, "If there is but one man from this age to get through to the skies, I am determined to be that man." Some men are ahead of the age, are out of sympathy with it and cannot be helpful to it. Others are behind the age in which they live. He belonged to the age in which he lived. He was a leader in it, and was practical in all his work for the betterment of it, and for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ. He was honest with God, he was honest with the gospel, he was honest with his conscience, and he was always frank, open and honest with his fellow men. He did not desire death, he wanted to live that he might take again his place in the work of God and for his family. The qualities that characterized him in health and strength did not change their fiber in the presence of the last enemy. Long ago, his attitude was that of the poet,

" I said to Sorrow's awful storm
That beat against my breast,
'Rage on—thou mayest destroy this form,
And lay it low at rest;
But still the spirit that now brooks
Thy tempest, raging high,
Undaunted on its fury looks
With steadfast eye.'

" I said to Penury's meager train,
'Come on—your threats I brave,
My last poor life-drop you may drain,
And crush me in the grave,
Yet still the spirit that endures
Shall mock your force the while,
And meet each cold, cold grasp of yours,
With conquering smile.'

" I said to cold Neglect and Scorn,
'Pass on—I heed you not;
You may pursue me till my form
And being are forgot;
Yet still the spirit, which you see
Undaunted by your wiles,
Draws from its own nobility
Its high born smiles.'

" I said to Friendship's menaced blow,
'Strike deep—my heart shall bear;
Thou can'st but add one bitter woe
To those already there;
Yet still the spirit that sustains
This last severe distress,
Shall smile upon its keenest pains,
And scorn redress."

" I said to Death's uplifted dart,
'Aim sure—oh, why delay?
Thou wilt not find a fearful heart
A weak, reluctant prey;
For still the spirit, firm and free,
Unruffled by dismay,
Wrapped in its own eternity,
Shall pass away.' "

In his last days, the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth chapters of John, and the three last chapters of Revelation were to him his Father's testament. The songs of Zion, which he wanted sung continually, were greatly enjoyed by him. For him, the last songs have been sung here. His Father has sent for him to come up higher. The building he built of lively stones has been completed. We, too, will say,

" Where is the victory of the grave?
What dust can on the spirit lie?
God keeps the sacred life he gave,
The prophet never dies."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE, RICHLAND, BEAVER DAM AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT	L. B. Webb, District Elder																	
Evansville	Frank S. Burns	56	3	59	2	4	1	10	40	12	$ 21 08	$ 10 26	$ 11 40	$ 8 55	$ 5 70	$ 9 12	.....	$ 60 67
Albany		3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 11	.. 54	60	45	30	48	.....	.....
Milwaukee, First church		7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 33	1 62	1 80	1 35	90	1 44	.....	.....
" Second church	R. H. Warren	35	2	37	..	..	1	8	30	3	11 10	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	102 25
Whitewater and Palmyra		14	..	14	2	..	..	..	..	3	4 00	1 78	..	..	..	1 78	.....	.....
Marshall	Aldo Raymond	14	..	14	1	..	1	3	7	5	5 55	2 70	3 00	2 25	28	2 40	.....	.....
Waukesha		1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Sharon		3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 11	54	39	20	.....	48	.....	.....
Racine		5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT	L. B. Webb, District Elder																	
Platteville circuit	E. N. Hawley	50	14	64	2	..	2	7	29	8	16 65	8 10	9 00	6 75	4 50	7 20	.....	68 76
Montford and Livingston	A. J. Damon	35	9	44	..	2	2	11	45	10	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48	7 36	24 40
Boscobel, Wesley and Fennimore	James Manion	18	..	18	..	1	..	3	20	3	7 03	3 42	63	63	.....	3 04	.....	.....
RICHLAND DISTRICT	E. J. Roberts, District Elder																	
Richland Center	E. O. Dietzman	26	9	35	..	..	1	7	67	4	12 58	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40	5 44	9 80	7 93
Gillingham and Mill Creek	G. W. Endicott	30	..	30	1	..	2	6	100	11	9 62	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60	4 16	39 34	26 16
Loyd, Little Willow and Hub City	D. O. Dietzman	38	4	42	1	..	1	5	25	6	13 69	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	5 92	6 75	18 36
Lefarge circuit	C. G. Chandler	28	6	34	..	..	1	7	40	2	12 21	5 94	3 20	4 95	.....	5 28	.....	17 44
Hillsboro and Revells Valley	R. S. Peckham	18	2	20	1	..	1	4	21	3	7 40	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	13 75	.....
La Valle, Manston and Neceda	J. S. Whiting	25	21	46	1	1	3	15	50	3	5 92	2 88	.....	24	.....	2 56	10 15	.....
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT	E. J. Roberts, District Elder																	
Beaver Dam and Calimus	F. F. Wolfe	24	5	29	1	2	1	6	40	7	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48	12 00	33 00
Pardeeville and Pacific	D. W. Hart	24	4	28	1	1	1	6	30	7	9 99	4 86	5 40	4 05	2 70	4 32	30 00	42 00
Portage and Caledonia	W. S. Meikle	22	5	27	..	1	1	6	23	9	8 14	3 96	4 40	3 30	2 20	3 52	50 24	.....
Oshkosh	F. S. Kamm	39	8	47	..	3	1	7	31	6	14 43	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90	6 24	55 00	52 00
Baraboo and Excelsior		13	4	17	..	1	2	10	50	5	4 81	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	100 04
NORTHERN DISTRICT	J. Turgeson, District Elder																	
Rhinelander and Woodboro	J. S. Phillips	13	3	16	..	..	2	4	65	4	4 07	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	1 76	1 52	.....
Three Lakes and Monico Junction	E. A. Wolfe	4	3	7	..	..	2	16	35	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....
Buckby, Clintonville and Sherman	J. Wetmore	9	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	2 37	1 44	.....	1 20	.....	1 24	.....	.....
Humbird and Augusta	H. W. Hills	44	10	54	1	3	1	5	25	12	14 06	6 84	3 89	5 70	8 80	6 08	.....	202 87
York Center circuit	A. E. Knaak	27	3	30	1	1	2	12	40	6	9 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 00	2 00	.....	61 00
Barron circuit	J. W. Kendall	57	16	73	3	1	1	5	25	19	19 24	9 36	10 40	7 80	5 20	8 32	3 70	60 21
Sioux Creek	W. B. Goode	37	3	40	2	1	2	10	40	9	11 75	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 00	5 76	.....	15 00
Sioska	C. S. Adams	19	9	28	2	..	1	6	30	2	6 66	3 24	1 40	2 70	1 80	2 88	21 00	9 00
Menomonie		11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weyerhauser	S. V. Edgbert	27	3	30	2	..	1	3	20	2	5 75	1 36	4 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Polk County	H. Robinson	5	..	5	1	..	..	1	4	12	1	2 00	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		781	146	927	24	22	36	186	943	178	$ 270 43	$ 134 59	$ 128 93	$ 103 86	$ 58 98	$113 14	$ 295 61	$901 09

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville			$ 25 58	$ 2 85	$ 550 00	$ 117 00	$ 62 00				
Albany				15				1	$ 1200	1	$ 950
Milwaukee, First church				45				1	3500	1	1500
" Second church			21 22	1 50	600 00	64 00	17 00	1	3800		
Whitewater and Palmyra					57 00	19 10		2	2500		
Marshall			7 00	75	107 00	29 16		2	1800		
Waukesha								1	1600		
Sharon				15		16 35		1	375		
Racine											
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT											
Platteville circuit			23 92	2 25	422 05	115 24	75 00	4	2500	1	1200
Montfort and Livingston			35 40	1 40	413 00	91 00	168 00	2	2000	1	700
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore					20 00	28 34		2	2000		
RICHLAND DISTRICT											
Richland Center		35	29 03	1 70	400 00	57 88	58 85	1	1200	1	1000
Gillingham and Mill Creek			22 00	1 30	480 00	46 60	90 28	2	1400	1	300
Loyd, Little Willow, and Hub City		1 55	16 00	1 85	343 00	62 74	6 11	2	1400	1	600
Lafarge circuit			24 42		270 62	56 11	31 00	2	2300	1	1000
Hillsboro and Revells Valley			6 00	1 00	176 00	31 76		2	1600		
LaValle, Manston and Neceda			15 00		195 00	25 00	35 00	1	1000		
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT											
Beaver Dam and Calimus			12 00	1 40	515 00	60 00		1	2000	1	1800
Pardeeville and Pacific			25 00	1 35	411 75	50 00	40 00	1	800	1	1200
Portage and Caledonia		2 32		1 10	324 29	48 00	3 25				
Oshkosh		85	27 76	1 95	475 00	75 00	23 60	1	2000	1	
Baraboo and Excelsior		1 00		65	203 15	24 00	32 79	2	2000	1	
NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Rhinelander and Woodboro				55	344 88	42 05		1	3000		
Three Lakes and Monico Junction			22 33		491 10		20 10	1	1200		
Buckby, Clintonville, Sherman								1	700		
Humbird and Augusta			12 90		330 00	70 88	45 00	1	2500	1	
York Center circuit			27 75	1 25	265 00	50 75	10 00	1	1000	1	800
Barron circuit			10 00	2 60	288 50	134 75	36 10	1	800	1	500
Sioux Creek					250 00	53 00	1 05	1	800		
Sioska			11 50	44	90 08	41 05	7 75				
Menomonie											
Weyerhauser						11 70					
Polk County			15 00		50 00	43 00					
Total		$ 6 07	$ 379 79	$26 49	$8073 00	$1460 67	$ 762 88	40	$ 46975	15	$11550

EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Bracebridge, Ontario, August 29-September 2, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*
C. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary.* WILLIAM ZURBRIGG, *Assistant Secretary.*
R. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. Snyder, C. A. Fox.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. T. Gunter.
On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—C. Cunningham, R. Burnham, R. J. Whaley, G. A. Prior.
On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on Home Missions.
On Sabbath-schools—W. H. Gregory, G. A. Prior, Richard Babcock.
On Publications—W. Zurbrigg, E. Snyder, Edwin Buck.
On Reforms—C. A. Fox, George Babcock, Ira Moore.
On Education—W. H. Reynolds, S. T. Gunter, R. J. Whaley.
On State of the Work—R. Burnham, C. Cunningham, J. Arksey, Ira Moore.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, R. Burnham, C. Cunningham, F. E. Minor, G. A. Prior.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—A. Sims.
On Reforms—W. H. Gregory.
On Education—S. C. Snyder.
On Publications—W. H. Reynolds.
On State of the Work—R. Burnham, C. Cunningham.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Burnham, president; C. Cunningham, secretary; A. Sims, George Fuller, R. J. Whaley.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. Burnham, president; A. Sims, secretary and treasurer; C. Cunningham, George Fuller, R. J. Whaley.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. Burnham, president, for four years; C. Cunningham, secretary, for two years; A. Sims, for one year; S. T. Gunter, for three years.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) Conference Missions (20 cents), (2) Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (— cents), (2) General Missions (15 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (— cents); fourth quarter, (1) Contingent Fund (25 cents), (2) Permanent Fund (5 cents). Evangelists' Benefit Fund—a freewill offering will be taken the first Sunday in December.

EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lotta Babcock, president, Huntsville, Ontario; Mrs. Emma Harnden, vice-president, Armadale, Ontario; Mrs. Minnie Zurbrigg, corresponding and recording secretary, Gananoque, Ontario; Mrs. Charlotte Burnham, treasurer, Uxbridge, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Sims,	R. Burnham,	W. H. Reynolds,	C. Cunningham,
S. T. Gunter,	E. Snyder,	C. A. Fox,	W. Zurbrigg,
W. H. Gregory,	C. Goodrich,	C. F. Appleton,	D. L. Gunter,
S. C. Snyder,	L. Slingerland.		

DELEGATES

John Hill,	R. J. Whaley,	Richard Babcock,	Hiram Leake,
Edwin Buck,	Louisa Head,	Ervin Loucks,	Ira Moore,
Charlotte Burnham,	Louise Hicks,	George A. Prior,	Henry Daniels,
John Arksey,	George Babcock,	George Fuller,	Amy Hughes,
Sadie Gunter,	Anson Pounder,	T. J. Luck,	F. E. Minor,
Charles Wells.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, R. Burnham, C. Cunningham, F. E. Minor, George A. Prior.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. B. Luck, John W. Potter, Charles A. Babcock.

4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Bradley, Miles Babcock, David Brown.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. L. Gunter, S. C. Snyder, Leonard Slingerland, C. Floyd Appleton.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Gregory, *C. Floyd Appleton, *Leonard Slingerland, *S. C. Snyder, *D. L. Gunter.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Charles Goodrich.

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-20, 23. See statistics.

21, 22. No business.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Uxbridge, Ontario, as near the second week of the Toronto Exhibition, 1907, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided with acceptability. His expositions of Scripture, spiritual sermons, and missionary addresses were an inspiration to us all. We feel thankful to God for such able and spirit-

*Ordained this year.

ual men as we have in our front ranks to lead the hosts of Israel, and pray they may be spared many years to fill the various responsible positions in the church.

The genial pastor and hospitable pilgrims and friends royally entertained the members of the conference and all the visitors who came, and the number was not few.

One preacher was elected to elder's orders, three to deacon's orders, and three were admitted on trial. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew reported that C. Floyd Appleton was succeeding remarkably with the responsible work assigned him in China, viz., as superintendent of our foreign missionary work there. He also stated that he had ordained Brother Appleton to deacon's orders. The conference received him in full connection.

Revs. M. S. Benn, M. O. Coates, H. C. Freemantle and A. H. Norrington of the West Ontario conference, Rev. W. H. Wilson and wife of the Western Canada conference, and Rev. Mr. Barker of the Canada Methodist church were in attendance.

Brother Norrington, having resigned the district eldership in the West Ontario conference, offered himself for work. His resignation having been tendered after said conference had finally adjourned, he was present without credentials, but possessed sufficient humility to have his name appear on the minutes as "supply." All necessary preliminary steps having been previously taken, and as the conference assembled to finally conclude the business for this session, and the visitors and friends anxiously awaited the reading of the appointments, a space in front of the altar was cleared, and while the congregation sang, "Am I a soldier of the cross," the said Rev. A. H. Norrington and Miss Amanda Hughes, (an esteemed evangelist who has labored successfully about one year and five months on the Warkworth circuit) came forward, and were united in holy wedlock, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We predict a useful and happy future for Brother and Sister Norrington.

We reluctantly consented to our esteemed Sister Ada Forman going West to supply a need there for the coming year.

The conference collections were reported as "raised in full." The W. F. M. S. has done nobly the past year in raising funds having exceeded the large amount raised the preceding year.

APPOINTMENTS

Kingston District—C. Cunningham, District Elder, 245 Victoria Street, Kingston, Ontario.

Kingston and Cataraqui.....W. H. Gregory, 671 Princess street, Kingston, Ontario
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....W. Zurbrigg, Gananoque, "
Odessa, Wilton, Petworth and Yarker.....S. C. Snyder, Odessa, "
Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford.....S. T. Gunter, Verona, "
Enterprise, Fifth Lake and Wagarville.....Miles Babcock, Enterprise, "
Westport, Fermoy, Maberly and Perth Road.....J. W. Potter, Westport, "
Vennachar and Fernleigh.....D. L. Gunter, Vennachar, "
Picton, Ridge Road and Elmbrook.....C. A. Fox, Picton, "
Napanee.....To be supplied

F. D. Bradley, conference evangelist, member of Kingston district quarterly conference, 41 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario; C. Cunningham, member of Kingston district quarterly conference.

Havelock District—C. Cunningham, District Elder.

Gunter.....George Alton, supply, Gunter, Ontario
Beaver Creek, North Marmora, Trent Bridge } Leonard Slingerland, Cordova, "
Victoria and Cordova } Fred Prior, supply, Cordova, "
Warkworth, Zion and Campbellford.....
A. H. and Mrs. Amanda Norrington and Gertrude Platt, supplies, Warkworth, "

David Brown, left without appointment, according to provisions of the Discipline, ¶ 84 and ¶ 85.

Toronto District—R. Burnham, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario.

Toronto and Port Credit.....A. Sims, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Armadale and Scarboro } Wilmott Harnden, supply, Armadale, "
Junction } Emma Harnden, supply, Armadale, "
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....E. Snyder, Uxbridge, "
Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....C. Goodrich, Belhaven, "
Peterboro Mission.....H. B. Luck, box 599, Peterboro, "

R. Burnham, member of Toronto district quarterly conference.

Muskoka District—R. Burnham, District Elder.

Crown Hill and Barrie....Frances Botting, supply, Crown Hill, Ontario; one to be supplied
Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Cooper's Falls....C. A. Babcock, Housey's Rapids, Ontario
Gravenhurst .....Eliza Free, Louise Hicks, supplies, Gravenhurst, "
Bracebridge.....W. H. Reynolds, Bracebridge, "
Huntsville and Silverdale.....Lotta Babcock, Kate Clark, supplies, Huntsville, "

C. Floyd Appleton, missionary to China, Cheng Chow, Honan Province, China, via Pe Han railroad.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

KINGSTON AND HAVELOCK DISTRICTS.—Receipts, $120.33.
Disbursements, $53; balance on hand, $67.33.
TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS.—Receipts, $183. 65.
Disbursements, $78.75; balance on hand $104.90.

II.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and raised, $109.44.
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Apportioned and raised, $60.80.
GENERAL MISSIONS FUND.—Apportioned and raised, $91.20.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and raised, $224.96.
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Apportioned and raised, $97.28.
PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and raised, $30.40.
CONTINGENT FUND.—On hand from last year, $9; raised during the year, $121.60. Total, $130.60.
Paid traveling expenses of preachers and delegates, $130.60.
EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND.—Receipts, $122.93.
Disbursements, $48; balance on hand, $74.93.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—$2.20.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—$.61.
TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—$23.05.

III.—ON REFORMS.

To reform means to form again or anew; to change from worse to better. As an annual conference we are satisfied with the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set, and we are determined to contend for the issues which made the Free Methodist church a necessity.

We are glad to note the progress we as a people are making, the spirit of unity and fellowship that prevails among preachers and laity, and the earnestness and self-sacrifice manifested in our ranks by all, in advancing the Master's kingdom. While we are grateful for all the Lord has done for us, and for what we have been enabled to do in His name, yet is there not room for improvement along many lines? A few of these we desire to call attention to.

EVIL SPEAKING.—We fear there is too great a tendency among us to commit the sin of evil speaking. How many times division and dissension is brought in and the spirit of love and harmony destroyed by this vile practise, born in the bottomless pit and sent on earth to destroy the work of the Lord. Well says the Apostle James that, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3: 6). As a result of this hydra-headed evil, the Holy Spirit is grieved, and spiritual death and desolation reign in many places. A reformation on this line would cause a return of the dove of peace, and the parched and thirsty ground would become springs of living water. We believe our preachers many times neglect to read Mr. Wesley's sermon on "Evil Speaking," as required by article 139, § 11, of the Discipline.

COVETOUSNESS.—We fear there is not that liberality among us in giving to the support of the gospel that there ought to be. We believe we as a church give more per member than any other church in existence, yet there is great need of an advance movement in this respect. We believe there are but few of our preachers who do not give at least one-tenth of their income to the Lord, but we fear there are many of the lay-members of our Zion, who fail to measure up to the religion of a Pharisee in this particular. We know that covetousness is one of the leading sins of the age; and the rock upon which many are driven

by the winds of avarice, and making shipwreck of faith, go down in the whirlpool of worldliness to be forever lost to holiness and to God!

We should not underestimate the efforts made by our official boards in securing support for our pastors. But we are loath to see the neglect of duty of our class-leaders and stewards on this line. We do not believe it the spirit of the Discipline to ascertain how little a pastor can subsist on, and then aim to raise enough to simply get him through by the skin of his teeth; but rather to raise enough to make him and his family comfortable, and to look respectable, and enable him to purchase the necessary books to make him efficient in the work of the Lord. We note with pleasure the advance there is on this line, and attribute it largely to the faithful dealing of our district elders at the official board meetings.

Secret Prayer.—Again we fear there is not that spirit of aggressiveness among us which ought to exist and which characterized the early Free Methodist church. Are we not settling down, and becoming content to travel the old circuit without pushing out into the regions beyond, and raising up new appointments and new circuits, thus enlarging the borders of our conference. Is this not our mission as a church? We believe we fail here because of a lack of secret prayer. One has said, "Men do not prevail with God as they did in ancient days until heaven bowed to earth and their requests were granted." Therefore, we recommend that one and all go down before God in prayer and supplication until he comes in power, as in the past, and a widespread revival take place in all our borders. We believe this is our only hope as a church. We earnestly pray that it may speedily come.

Sabbath Desecration.—Irreverence and disregard for the Sabbath of our Lord is alarmingly on the increase. Sunday excursions, base ball games and the pursuits of pleasure are rapidly taking the place of religious worship among the masses. Among our own people we notice with regret a growing tendency to spend a part of the Sabbath day in Sunday visiting and secular conversation. Let us not do this. Let us avoid riding on the street cars on Sunday. Let us refrain from all ordinary labor on the Sabbath, except it be of necessity or of mercy, and plan for as little of that which is of necessity as possible.

The Liquor Traffic.—We protest against the liquor business from beginning to end. For its overthrow we pray, labor and vote. It is impossible for us to show our consistency unless we vote as we pray. We ought to see to it that candidates for Parliament are pledged friends of prohibition, or failing to give us such assurance, we must withhold our support from them.

Secret Societies.—We protest against all forms of secret societies. It seems the time has come when men can neither labor, buy nor sell, in our cities, without having the mark of the beast and number of his name. The smaller secret orders are only branch roads of the Grand Trunk Masonic line, that carries its members down to the iron gates of the grand lodge below. While noting the fact that some churches who once declared against these ungodly associations, have taken down the bars and allowed the unclean herd to come in, we thank God for a people who have taken their stand and maintain an unwavering front against these Christless aggressions.

Dress.—We disapprove of the growing tendency with some of our people to ornament their attire and so avoid the reproach of being entirely plain in their dress. We often see ornamental buttons, pins, ruffles, ties and other ornaments on their persons which were seldom seen in this conference in the beginning of our work. We also disapprove of parents attiring their children in a way they would not attire themselves, making them look as fashionable as the children of their unsaved neighbors, forgetting the solemn vows made at the baptismal altar. We fear the trouble for this lies in the fact, that many of our people live without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have always held that this fiery baptism does burn the compromise out of the soul and destroys the hooks and pegs on which hang these worldly trappings. We hope and pray that this spirit of compromise may be driven out and disappear from our midst, and we be enabled to form again around the standard of true Bible holiness.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELOCK, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
KINGSTON DISTRICT	C. Cunningham, Dist. Elder.																	
Kingston and Cataraqui	W. H. Gregory	34	10	44	1		1	6	50	6	$ 11 47	$ 5 58	$ 6 20	$ 4 65	$ 3 10	$ 4 96		
Gananoque and Lansdowne	W. Zurbrigg	21	3	24	1		1	4	20	6	6 66	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	2 88		$ 9 00
Odessa, Wilton, Petworth and Napanee	S. C. Snyder	32	7	39			2	10	62	12	14 43	7 02	7 80	5 85	3 90	6 24		52 10
Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford	S. T. Gunter	58	12	70		2	2	15	120	6	22 57	10 88	12 20	9 15	6 10	9 76		27 97
Enterprise, Fifth Lake and Wagarville	Miles Babcock	13	6	19						3	2 59	1 26	1 40	1 05	70	1 12		
Westport, Perth Road and Maberly	J. W. Potter, supply	28		28	1		1	4	16	3	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48		5 40
Vennachar and Mt. Zion	D. L. Gunter	14	5	19			2	7	50	2	4 07	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	1 76		
Picton and Fairmont	C. A. Fox	21	1	22	1		1	6	30	7	7 77	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	3 36		36 00
Napanee		5	4	9														
HAVELOCK DISTRICT	C. Cunningham, Dist. Elder.																	
Gunter	Ada Forman, supply	15	6	21		1	1	5	59	4	4 07	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	1 76		30 00
Beaver Creek and North Marmora	D. Brown	31	9	40	1	1	2	8	40	5	10 73	5 22	5 80	4 35	2 90	4 69		21 71
Trent Bridge, Victoria and Cordova	C. A. Babcock, supply	13	2	15						1	2 96	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 28		
Warkworth and Zion	A. Hughes, G. Pratt, supplies	27	36	63	1	2	2	10	70	15	8 14	3 96	4 40	3 30	2 20	3 52		36 54
TORONTO DISTRICT	R. Burnham, District Elder.																	
Toronto and Port Credit	A. Sims	28	6	34	2		1	6	25	4	8 88	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	3 84		186 09
Armadale and Scarboro Junction	L. Babcock, K. Clark, supplies	23	2	25	1	2	1	9	75	9	10 75	5 22	5 80	4 35	2 90	4 64		80 73
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant	E. Snyder	34	5	39	1		2	10	75	7	14 06	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	6 08		22 71
Bellhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe	C. Goodrich	45	5	50	2		2	8	82	8	17 76	8 64	9 60	7 20	4 80	7 68		57 73
Peterboro Mission	H. B. Luck, supply	9	5	14			1	3	20	2								
MUSKOKA DISTRICT	R. Burnham, District Elder.																	
Crown Hill and Barrie	Frances Botting, supply	35	2	37	1	1	1	3	19	4	11 47	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	4 96		
Barkway, Housey's Rapids, Cooper's F.	L. Slingerland	43	3	46	1		3	18	90	9	13 91	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30	6 88		
Gravenhurst	E. Free and L. Hicks, supplies	16	13	29	1	2	1	3	47	8	5 18	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	2 24		33 70
Bracebridge	W. H. Reynolds	71	2	73	2		1	10	65	14	23 12	13 68	15 20	11 40	7 60	12 16		140 12
Huntsville	W. Harnden, E. Harnden, sup.	19	14	33	2	1	1	3	30	7	7 03	3 42	3 80	2 85	1 90	3 04		71 60
Total		635	158	793	19	12	29	143	1045	142	$ 224 98	$ 109 44	$ 121 20	$ 91 20	$ 60 80	$ 97 23		4811 40

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KINGSTON DISTRICT											
Kingston and Cataraqui	....	....	$ 17 67	$ 1 55	$ 390 00	$ 60 85	.....	1	$ 1200	..	.....
Gananoque and Lansdowne	.....	.....	9 35	90	338 00	36 64	.....	1	1200	1	700
Odessa, Wilton, Petworth, Napanee	.....	....	6 66	1 95	258 00	45 36	$ 2 00	2	1200	..	.....
Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford	....	.....	28 85	3 05	400 00	62 58	.....	2	1700	1	700
Enterprise, Fifth Lake, Wagarville	....	...	.....	35	237 99	23 67	.....	1	300	..	.....
Westport, Perth Road, Maberly	.....	....	8 04	1 40	250 00	42 57	.....	2	1900	..	.....
Vennachar and Mt. Zion	.....	....	8 80	55	230 60	35 00	.....	2	600	..	.....
Picton and Fairmount	....	$ 61	15 00	1 05	366 61	45 19	.....	2	1600	1	800
Napanee	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
HAVELOCK DISTRICT											
Gunter	.....	.....	8 70	55	189 78	40 25	.....	1	500	..	.....
Beaver Creek and North Marmora	.....	.....	29 09	1 45	382 57	79 98	.....	1	750	1	400
Trent Bridge, Victoria, Cordova	....	...	.....	40	299 10	48 51	10 14	2	1300	..	.....
Warkworth and Zion	.....	.....	23 86	1 10	291 54	90 76	36 39	1	675	1	*500
TORONTO DISTRICT											
Toronto and Port Credit	.....	....	29 48	1 20	443 20	54 07	.....	1	1800	..	.....
Armadale and Scarboro Junction	$ 2 20	....	66 16	1 45	352 00	55 48	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant	.	....	22 07	1 90	307 73	48 23	.....	2	1900	1	1500
Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe	.....	....	29 62	2 40	402 20	67 73	.....	3	1300	..	.....
Peterboro Mission	.....	.....	8 60	.....	223 61	45 95	.....	..	.....	..	.....
MUSKOKA DISTRICT											
Crown Hill and Barrie	.....	....	.....	1 55	250 93	48 62	.....	1	500	..	.....
Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Coopers Falls	.....	.....	31 65	2 15	326 00	54 32	.....	3	1200	1	650
Gravenhurst	.....	.....	6 78	70	273 10	34 75	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Bracebridge	.....	....	32 55	3 80	540 86	89 04	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Huntsville	.....	.....	18 30	95	432 26	62 32	5 25	2	3850	1	400
Total	$ 2 20	$ 61	$ 401 23	$30 40	$7441 26	$1160 87	$ 53 78	32	$ 22675	9	$ 6650

*Mission hall.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held at Isabella, Oklahoma September 26-30, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

T. H. ALLEN, *Secretary.* O. L. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary.*

C. E. HARROUN, JR., *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, W. E. McWilliams.

On Education—Slade Freer, G. M. Hadduck, F. G. Bower.

On Publications—A. Stedwell, J. L. Brown, G. L. Anderson.

On Secret Societies—J. L. Brown, Melvin Wright, J. M. Blakely.

On Sunday-schools—N. C. Swigart, E. O. Davenport, George Enterline.

On Prohibition—C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. H. Bass, H. O. Radford.

On Sabbath Observance—R. H. Shoup, Rilla Allen, J. W. Devor.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. L. Brown.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. Stedwell, Rilla Allen, L. M. Tinker.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Slade Freer.

On Reforms—G. M. Hadduck, Slade Freer, A. O. Cain.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—G. M. Hadduck, L. M. Tinker.

On Memoirs—T. H. Allen, C. E. Harroun, Jr.

To Solicit Subscriptions for the General Conference Daily—Melvin Wright.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, G. L. Anderson, George Enterline.

Railroad Secretary—T. H. Allen.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—E. O. Davenport.

On Secret Societies—L. M. Tinker.

On Prohibition—Slade Freer.

On Publications—Melvin Wright.

On Sunday-schools—C. W. VanTreese.

On Sabbath Observance—Harry Peacock.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; C. E. Harroun, Jr., secretary; J. L. Brown, treasurer; G. M. Hadduck, A. O. Cain.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Harroun, Jr., president, retires in 1908; T. H. Allen, secretary, retires in 1907; J. L. Brown, retires in 1909.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. H. Allen, president, C. E. Harroun, Jr., secretary, for three years; J. L. Brown, treasurer, J. M. Blakely, for two years; G. L. Anderson, for one year.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

G. M. Hadduck, 1124 West Mansur avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rilla Allen, president, 1002 West Logan avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Mrs. Marrilla Freer, treasurer, 1124 Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Anna Fisher, secretary, Helena, Oklahoma; Miss Janie Mattenly, librarian.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Sr.,	Slade Freer,	J. L. Brown,	C. E. Harroun, Jr.,
N. C. Swigart,	H. O. Radford,	W. E. McWilliams,	J. M. Reilly,
C. Mattenly,	C. W. VanTreese,	D. C. Sparks,	L. M. Tinker,
Melvin Wright,	R. H. Shoup,	T. H. Allen,	A. Stedwell,
G. M. Hadduck,	E. O. Davenport,	T. D. North,	Harry Peacock,
J. K. Webb,	J. W. McIrvin.		

DELEGATES

H. F. Cooper,	J. H. Bass,	A. O. Cain,	G. L. Anderson,
H. H. Isbell,	S. J. Smith,	T. W. Douglas,	Rilla Allen,
J. M. Blakely,	J. W. Devor,	George Enterline,	L. G. Hobart,
D. W. Thompson,	Fred G. Bower,	William Dubois,	V. A. Swanson,
Lydia A. Newberry,	James Seacord,	R. B. Cook,	U. S. Pitsenberger,
Charles E. Dotson,	E. H. Hollenbeck,	Orville Newell.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, G. L. Anderson, George Enterline.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. N. Cobb, W. F. Campbell, G. W. Sumpter.

4. Who remain on trial? J. H. Wright, E. A. Andrews, O. L. Davenport, Carey Fisher.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. O. Davenport, T. D. North, Harry Peacock.

6. Who are the deacons? Melvin Wright, R. H. Shoup, G. M. Hadduck, W. E. McWilliams, E. O. Davenport, T. D. North, Harry Peacock, D. C. Sparks, J. K. Webb.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Slade Freer, L. M. Tinker.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. O. Radford, J. M. Reilly, D. C. Sparks.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. K. Webb, from the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; J. W. McIrvin, from the Platte River conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. H. Shoup.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? E. D. Wells.

16-20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., $150; C. Mattenly, $150; Mrs. Birdie Wells and children, $35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? In connection with a conference camp-meeting to commence on the second Wednesday in September, 1907, or as near that date as consistent with the plan of the general superintendents, to be preceded by a six days' camp-meeting; the place to be fixed upon by the district elders.

APPOINTMENTS

Ponca District—T. H. Allen, District Elder.

Ponca, Maple Grove and Stony Point..E. O. Davenport, R. F. D. 2, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Tonkawa and Whiterock.....J. K. Webb, Tonkawa, "
Perry and Lone Elm.....G. W. Sumpter, Perry, "
Quay, Antioch and Blackburn.....O. L. Davenport, No. 1, Quay, "
Manford.....U. S. Pitsenberger, supply, Manford, Indian Territory

Guthrie District—T. H. Allen, District Elder, 1002 West Logan Avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Guthrie.....G. M. Hadduck, 1124 West Mausur avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Oklahoma City and Norman.....E. A. Andrews, 417 Bigroad, Oklahoma City, "
Chandler, Oak Grove and Wellston.....W. F. Campbell, Chandler, "
Waterloo.....C. L. North, supply, Waterloo, "
Asher and Purcell.....F. M. Baker, supply, Asher, "
Muskogee.....To be supplied
Fort Towson and Antlers.....To be supplied

H. O. Radford, supernumerary; T. H. Allen, member of Guthrie district quarterly conference.

Enid District—C. E. Harroun, Jr., District Elder.

Enid, Garber and Elmdale.....Slade Freer, 1224 Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma
Nashville and Coldwater.....Orville Newell, supply, Nashville, "
Eddy, Deer Creek and Satchell Valley.....C. C. Goltry, supply, Eddy, "
Wakita, Prairie Queen and Clyde.....Harry Peacock, Wakita, "
Flint.....H. F. Cooper, supply, Tonkawa, "

Cleo District—C. E. Harroun, Jr., District Elder, Augusta, Oklahoma.

Wisby, Clymer, Augusta, Fitzlin and Green Valley....Melvin Wright, Augusta, Oklahoma
Helena, Aline and Ames.....Carey Fisher, Helena, "
Chester, Dane and Isabella.....T. D. North, Isabella, "
Moscow, Vonton and Cedar Vale.....J. W. McIrvin, Moscow, "

C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly, superannuated; J. M. Reilly, D. C. Sparks, supernumerary; A. Stedwell, evangelist; C. E. Harroun, Jr., member of Cleo district quarterly conference.

Beaver District—C. E. Harroun, Jr., District Elder.

Cline and Madison.....To be supplied
Paladin and Beaver City.....E. N. Cobb, Paladin, Oklahoma

Kingfisher District—J. L. Brown, District Elder, Geary, Oklahoma.

Cashion and Bethel.....J. H. Wright, Cashion, Oklahoma
Geary, Watonga and Etna.....N. C. Swigart, Geary, "
Dillon, Liberty chapel and Fountain.....L. M. Tinker, Dillon, "
Thomas, Arapaho and Swan.....Ezra Blackmer, supply, Arapaho, "
Seiling, Taloga and Camargo.....M. V. Whetzell, supply, Seiling, "

J. L. Brown, member of Kingfisher district quarterly conference.

Hobart District—J. L. Brown, District Elder

Poarch and Hefner.....W. E. McWilliams, Sentinel, Oklahoma
Lone Wolf, Altus and Olustee.....E. R. Fitzgerald, supply, Lone Wolf, "
Apache, Lawton, Chickasha and Laverty.....C. W. Van Treese, Apache, "

R. H. Shoup, given certificate of standing with view to transfer to the Western Canada conference.

EVANGELIST

Lydia A. Newberry.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eighth annual session of the conference was held at Isabella, Oklahoma, in connection with a camp-meeting. About seventy tents, a tabernacle and twenty-five covered wagons were in use by the campers. Over three hundred persons were camped on the grounds. Four very harmonious sittings of the conference were held. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with his usual acceptability, and preached four able, instructive and inspiring sermons to the edification of all.

Rev. G. W. Taylor represented the publishing house.

E. O. Davenport, T. D. North and Harry Peacock were ordained deacon. Slade Freer and L. M. Tinker were ordained elder.

An act to incorporate the conference was effected and trustees were elected.

Ministerial delegates to the general conference: C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen; reserves, J. L. Brown, A. Stedwell. Lay delegates: G. L. Anderson, George Enterline; reserves, J. M. Blakely, H. F. Cooper.

Three district elders were elected. By recommendation of the stationing committee the General Missionary Board was asked for appropriations as follows: Tonkawa, $100; Chandler, Oak Grove and Wellston, $50; Paladin and Beaver City, $50. One hundred and three subscriptions were taken for the conference minutes.

Rev. G. M. Hadduck was elected conference treasurer; address, 1124 West Manser avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The sum of $53.76 was raised for Mrs. Birdie Wells, wife of the late Rev. E. D. Wells; $38.30 for publishing the minutes; $7.63 to reimburse the secretary and treasurer; $98 for expenses of camp-meeting and conference: for deficiencies in the conference collections, $48.53.

Sister F. Grace Allen held a good missionary meeting on Sunday afternoon. To the astonishment of all present $1426.83 was raised in cash and subscription.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $75.30.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $135.54.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $278.61.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $37.65.
Conference Missions.—Assessed and paid, $75.30.
General Missions Fund.—Assessed and paid, $112.95.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Assessed and paid, $120.48.
Foreign Missions.—$43.35.
Children's Fund.—$51.21.
Educational Fund.—$7.99.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$620.46.

II.—ON PROHIBITION.

Throughout the nation, and for that matter throughout the civilized world, there is a general awakening to the criminal nature of the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

The existence of the licensed saloon is the indefensible scandal of the century. In the United States alone the liquor saloon occasions the death and damnation of eleven persons every hour, 274 every day and 100,000 every year.

Since the opening of the original "Oklahoma" to settlement, the dramshop of the United States has sent more men and women to hell than the entire population of the "new state," including all Indians, Negroes and white persons.

It is an appalling fact that there are twenty states in the Union to-day whose population each is not equal to the number of human beings which the saloon has degraded, debauched and damned during the past fifteen years. In other words, the policy of the government, in licensing the beverage saloon, sends to a drunkard's grave and doom, every fifteen years, enough adult persons to equal all the men, women and children necessary to create a flourishing state.

For seventeen years men, women and children have been pouring into Oklahoma and Indian Territory, from all parts of the United States. Thousands of Indians and Negroes were already here; and during the same time thousands of children also have been born in the territories, till now we have in the new state, 1,350,000 population. But during the same length of time the United States furnished Hades with an adult drunkard for every man, woman and child in the new state, to say nothing of the widows, orphans and idiots which they have left behind. This is an awful record for a Christian nation to make.

In dealing with the traffic in intoxicating liquors, there is no hope of successful statutory prohibition, until the state and national government shall treat it, not as a business, but as a crime. The liquor interests ever contend that the distilling, brewing and retailing of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a legitimate business. The government in its legislation and police regulations has been granting this claim, but treating it as a bad business. Its classification must be changed. It is a crime more cruel than death, more destructive than war.

Human activities may be classified under three specific heads, viz.: Business, Charity and Crime. Business is characterized by service rendered and profit, Charity, by service without profit, while Crime is ever characterized by profit and no service. The traffic in intoxicating liquors comes under this last class. It is as destitute of service as any other criminal practise.

While the beverage traffic in intoxicating liquors is a crime of fearful magnitude, yet the complicity of national, state and municipal government with it, is a much greater crime against public morals and civic righteousness.

The revenue of $296,000,000 is the financial measure of our national complicity with this stupenduous crime.

A study of national and state legislation will reveal a startling measure of the statutory approval of the devastation and ruin which the traffic is producing everywhere. Alarming as is the effect of the traffic on the commercial and physical life of the nation, the most serious effect is the general corrupting of the public conscience.

We justly deplore the prevalence of graft, bribery, boodle, unjust rebates and discriminations, corrupt legislation, miscarriage of court proceedings, lawlessness, divorce, anarchy, murders, assassinations and suicides. But a careful study of social conditions reveals the fact that the one thing which has corrupted our national life until it is notorious for civic unrighteousness, is our political sanction of, and complicity with, the liquor traffic.

The virus of this gigantic crime has been diffused all through the body of the nation, until every organ of the body politic has become diseased by its malignant touch.

The prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating beverages is by far the greatest political problem of the day. This is true as considered from a moral, social or financial standpoint.

Socially.—Willard Parker, the publicist physician of New York, holds the saloon responsible for 35 per cent. of idiocy, 45 per cent. of lunacy, 80 per cent. of crime, 90 per cent. of pauperism, and 10 per cent. of all deaths.

In Massachusetts 86 per cent. of the convicts in her prisons are there through liquor—90 per cent. are drinking men.

The state of Iowa recently had 5,650 insane persons in her wards, caused directly by drink. There are enough drunkards' orphans to belt the globe five times, hand in hand, with a widow in every fifth place; that is, they would form a continuous line 125,000 miles long.

If a man could walk around the earth at the equator, and those who die drunkards in the United States in one year, were distributed equally along his path he would pass the corpse of a drunkard every eighty rods.

The saloon in the United States is responsible for over 53,000 murders committed in the last ten years.

Financial.—The annual crime bill of the United States is over $600,000,000. A careful

study of court proceedings, and the declarations of court judges, reveals the fact that from 75 per cent. to 80 per cent. of crime in civilized lands is due to liquor drinking.

San Francisco's freedom from crime during her late disaster while liquor was prohibited, and the great increase of crime since the re-opening of the saloons is in evidence.

According to the finding of the National Prison Congress, it costs on an average $1000, to prosecute a criminal; and his depredations during a year in crime amount to from $1500 to $2000.

Oklahoma recently had 500 prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary. Their cost to Oklahoma for prosecution amounts to about $500,000. These prisoners cost for board fifty-five cents per day per man. The average time of their imprisonment is three years. The cost to the state is $500,000 for prosecution, $301,125 for board. Total cost, $801,125. Taking 80 per cent. as chargeable to drink, we have $640,900 expense to the state for territory prisoners alone, caused by the saloon. Minor offenders cost much less, and are in jails and town lock-ups; but as these generally outnumber the other class, they add materially to the cost of the state.

If we add to the above cost the amount these prisoners would earn at ordinary labor, about $200,000 we have an expense of $800,000 and over as an incubus on the state, chargeable to the drink traffic. The cost is more than sixteen times the amount of the license income.

From reliable sources we find the actual cost of the nation's liquor traffic for 1900 was $2,804,958.000. The internal and custom's revenue from the traffic was $296.000,000. If we subtract the entire revenue from the cost we have $2.508,958,000 direct loss to the nation.

Much has been and is being said by politicians about the revision of the tariff. The largest revision made amounted only to about $1.0C *per capita*; while the licensed liquor traffic imposes a waste in cold cash of $45 for every man,woman and child in the nation.

The evils of the standard oil, the meat packers, railroad rebates, free-passes, refrigerator and icing charges, mutual insurance frauds, public land steals, alum baking powder bribes, amalgamated copper, Massachusetts gas frauds, tariff and protection—great as these evils are, they pale before the unparalleled crime of the licensed liquor traffic, which is fostered by our municipal, state and national government.

In view of the foregoing facts, we pledge our renewed efforts for the entire destruction of the traffic.

We pledge ourselves, further, to do what we can to secure only such men as members of the Constitutional Convention who will openly pledge themselves to do their utmost to secure for the State of Oklahoma, "state wide prohibition" in the constitution.

III.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

It is highly important that we recognize the Sabbath as a divine institution. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." says the voice of God. For the spiritual, social and physical interest of mankind was this law given. In violation of this law our race has suffered untold moral degradation and physical distress.

The command not only designates a time, but also the manner and spirit in which that time shall be spent. We observe a difference between sleeping the Sabbath day and keeping, also between keeping it and keeping it holy. We are not only to refrain from doing ordinary work on the Sabbath, but to spend the time in heart devotion to God and his cause. By the early Christian church the Sabbath was termed the "Queen of days"—the day in which every one should lose sight of self-interests and devote himself entirely to God's interests.

Recognizing this to be the true spirit of the Sabbath law, we consider the following practises as violations of God's law respecting the Sabbath:

Sunday Car Service.—No incorporate body in our land induces so many people to violate the Sabbath as the railroad companys. Scattered all over our land are men, women and children who feel a sense of regard for the Lord's day and refrain from their ordinary work, but the railway company taking advantage of this rest, announces special excursions at reduced rates; thus placing a premium on Sabbath desecration, it carries its thousands away to the base-ball game, the foot-ball, carnival, the horse race and other places of amusement. The churches are left empty and the players are encouraged to continue in their Sunday sin. The railway companies also employ more men to do manual labor on Sunday than all other corporations in America combined, for which service they pay a premium. Thus they keep from religious services the thousands who would otherwise hear the gospel and be saved.

The base ball game, the carnival, shows, picnics and festivals all help to poison and destroy the religious sentiment of our nation; but we are persuaded that their main encouragement for Sunday operation comes from the Sunday railway excursions.

In view of this fact we recommend that our people labor faithfully to elect such men to represent us in the legislative body of the new Oklahoma state as will faithfully labor for the adoption of such laws as will maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath, and thus by our State constitution forbid Sunday excursions within our bounds.

Sunday Visiting.—Sunday social visiting should be discouraged. It violates the spirit

of the Sabbath in the fact that it tends to secularize the mind and thus destroy the devotional spirit.

BUYING AND SELLING ON SUNDAY.—The committee would call attention to that part of ¶ 41 of our Discipline which refers to buying and selling on the Lord's day. We consider that buying or selling ice, milk and meat is a violation of Discipline, also of the Sabbath, as much as the purchase or sale of other articles of merchandise. The argument used by the guilty ones to ease their conscience often proves the moral quality of the act. Thus he argues: "If I refuse to sell on Sunday my customers will go elsewhere and I will sustain loss. He thus proves it to be an act of self-interest, regardless of God's command.

We think that Sunday car-riding, newspaper reading, letter-writing and mailing or receiving mail, sight-seeing, picnics and pleasure seeking should be regarded by our people as violations of God's law if we would consistently throw the weight of our influence against the rising tide of Sabbath desecration.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We live in a day of increasing demand for better education in every vocation in life. We are pleased to note that the facilities for education are keeping pace with the demand. Everywhere our land is dotted with district schoolhouses, high schools, seminaries, colleges and universities.

There never was a time in the history of the work when more attention was given to, or more money expended in the education of all classes. Comparatively few can give a reasonable excuse for their lack of learning. A tremendous responsibility rests upon parents who neglect to give their children as thorough educational advantages as their circumstances will permit.

While some people seem to put a premium on ignorance, our Creator never did. He said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

We believe in a thorough Christian education and would encourage our people to patronize our denominational schools which we consider second to none in their class. We lament the tendency of some of our people to send their children to secular schools which can furnish them no better intellectual training than our denominational schools and frequently what is worse than no religious influence. Also the tendency to patronize or create and maintain independent, so-called, holiness schools.

If we maintain our mission there must be as great a difference between our schools and others as there is in any department of our church work and that of other denominations.

We would recommend that all of our societies, where we have church buildings, prepare a library cupboard in some suitable place in the church, and that such societies arrange to develop a library to aid in promoting wholesome knowledge; that they begin this library by securing such books as are required in the course of study for local and conference preachers, and that they add to the library yearly, as they may be able, such books as are useful in developing Christian life and character.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The food upon which we subsist finally becomes a part of ourselves. This rule holds good whether that food be for the body, the mind or the heart. In some parts of Colorado, where sage brush is the principal vegetable product, it is said that the flesh of small game is unpalatable. Those needy creatures have lived so long upon sage brush that their flesh has become bitter.

Of the things that belong to righteousness there are two classes. Things to be hated, and things to be loved. "Abhor," says Saint Paul, "that which is evil and cleave to that which is good." Our pilgrim founders saw and took the track outlined by Christ and the holy apostle, and

> "We are traveling home to God,
> In the way our fathers trod."

At their annual Passover the Jewish people were directed to feast on paschal lamb. After taking refuge behind its blood, sprinkled on their door-posts, they were to roast and eat the flesh of the lamb. They were not permitted to eat that flesh unless they ate it with bitter herbs. Those bitter herbs pointed back to their bitter bondage in Egypt. They also pointed forward to the bitter things they should meet along the way. In this our pilgrim religion follows the old line. On the popular route they have done away with bitter herbs. They had no bitter bondage or bitter cup of repentance behind them, and they will have in front no bitter things to meet till they get to the end of the way. Not so with our pilgrim saints. They drank tea from bitter herbs in the cup of repentance, and they also ate bitter herbs when they gave their consent to take this unpopular pilgrim route to the skies. Before them they will find a goodly supply of bitter herbs in hating popular things which others love and deify. Hating those things will stir up men and devils and bring on a series of reproaches and persecutions. Passing through these experiences will afford bitter herbs enough to give us a good appetite for salvation and keep off the scurvy which a meat

diet is liable to engender. The tart of these bitter herbs must be overcome by eating paschal lamb, or we shall become embittered thereby.

Some people among us seem to have a negative kind of religion. It consists in hating and devouring the popular sins of our day. The position of these parties was set forth by a minister who was explaining the relation of our church to these popular evils. He said, "We are anti-rum, anti-dress, anti-tobacco, anti secrecy, anti-festival; and anti-devil whether he be baptized or not." This is all true, and we are glad our church stands out squarely on all God's issues. Yet these issues may be made so prominent as to render the ministers who preach them and the pilgrims who hear them as bitter within as the sage hens and sage hares of Colorado.

A much better way is to oppose these popular evils from love. Here in the South we fight and overcome the weeds in our cotton fields, not because we bitterly hate the weeds themselves, but because we tenderly love the young cotton plants which must have soil, room and sunshine, if they ever develop and mature. If we ministers do not keep filled with love and tenderness toward God and humanity, by feeding on Christ our Paschal Lamb, we will be able to deal out to our people nothing but bitter herbs. Such preaching will drive away our congregations and embitter our pilgrims. If on the other hand we ignore God's appointed line of bitter herbs and attempt to feed them alone on Paschal Lamb, or the good things of the kingdom we will make a blunder but little less damaging to the cause of God. The food we deal out to nourish the minds and hearts of our people is the food upon which we ourselves subsist.

Nutriment for our own minds and hearts is much of it obtained by reading. Then it follows that what we read is of great importance. From presses that run day and night our country is flooded with publications. The greater number of them, however, are unwholesome and some of them poisonous to the saints of God. The publications we read should contain the truths we hold and emphasize. These are the important truths that point out the old track from earth to heaven. Outside of our own there are many publications that treat on moral and religious subjects. These periodicals generally contain only one class of truths, either the negative truths of reform, or the positive truths of Christian experience. Our own publications, the *Free Methodist* and *EarnestChristian* contain these truths in about the right proportions. All our people should read, digest and assimilate their wholesome contents. We also commend the books on sale at our publishing house. For bitter herbs on the rum traffic we commend the *New Voice*. For bitter herbs on secret orders we would recommend the *Christian Cynosure*. The needful truths contained therein will do our people good while they go in for the depths of salvation and feed on Paschal Lamb.

VI.—ON REFORMS.

Our mission as a church is not primarily to be a reform organization; but our distinctive issue is holiness unto the Lord. And this issue comprehends every reform that faces the church of Jesus Christ, whether it be religious, social or political.

Political reformation is the great question of the day. Since we have a committee to take up this question we refrain from saying anything at this time.

Tobacco.—We rejoice to know that from an early date after our origin in 1860, we have taken our stand squarely against tobacco, as being injurious to the human system, and a feeder to the drink habit. Hence, we rejoice to find it a bar to membership to manufacture or use this filthy weed.

The Liquor Traffic.—Since the liquor business stands parallel with the tobacco business, would it not be just as consistent for a Christian to grow tobacco as to stand with and vote for a party that stands by, upholds and protects the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor?

Secrecy.—Secret societies are not in harmony with the scriptural standard of man's attitude to his fellow men. They divide men into cliques, and men will stand by their own clique regardless of justice which is against the constitution of our fair land.

We find that our towns are becoming more and more honey-combed with secret societies, so much so that few men attend religious services. The genius of many secret societies is a religious philosophy. For this reason a number of them worship in the name of their lodge, and some will not allow the name of Jesus in their ritual. In a great many places they are becoming very bold in disturbances of financial and industrial peace. We see this by the strikes, mobs, murders and slugging and the destruction of property in Chicago and other manufacturing cities.

Dress.—As to dress we believe our Discipline takes the right position on worldly conformity and we purpose to maintain it. We are the plainest people on earth to-day, and believe it to be in perfect keeping with scriptural holiness. Peter says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel. But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

The moral issues for which we stand do not constitute our religion. Our religion consists, as Dr. Adam Clarke says, in having the life of God in the soul of man. These issues are only the outer posts or defenses of the central fortification where our life is hid with Christ in God.

In capturing a church Satan always assaults and captures the outer defences first. Our outpost on secret orders is perhaps the most important of them all. To us it is the meter hill. When it is lost all will soon be taken. Dangers threaten us at this point, but we must defend it at all hazards.

First. Our young men in the ministry do not inform themselves as the older ones did by reading the expositions of these orders. Hence, the church is not informed because the ministry cannot speak of them intelligently.

Second. It is not Masonry that we are so much endangered by, but the minor orders such as labor unions and farmers' unions.

While we are in sympathy with the laboring classes, yet we are not ready to join with them in their strikes, riots and selfishness, which we must do if we join with them in church relations. Therefore, we recommend that our preachers read those books which are sold by our publishing house, that expose secret orders, and stand by the old landmarks which our fathers have set.

VIII.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

There is an adage that necessity is the mother of invention. So conditions produce certain results in the moral world through a merciful providence.

Sin running without "brakes" reaches a point that demands effort or application, to thwart the natural outcome or the consequences will be terrible.

God, in mercy, has always met these strained conditions with sufficient provision to make sin miscarry, and through these provisions bring about a better state of things, provided he has co-operation.

Instance—Christ came to the world during the very midnight hour of moral darkness. Luther was raised up to proclaim salvation by faith, when men were striving to save themselves by or through penance and torture. And later Methodism supplied the demand of a great spiritual need, and in its coming one of the greatest boons came to the church of Jesus Christ—the organization of the Sabbath-school.

Its first organizers, Mr. Raikes and his lady friend, thought of nothing more than the present and surrounding needs of the children of their own town. But as has been already stated, certain moral conditions force in new provisions.

The children in general were so much neglected that what was needed in this particular city was the need of the entire country. Hence, the new departure was soon approved by others and the Sabbath-school work soon spread over England and Ireland, then leaped the great Atlantic and America caught the flame of enthusiasm for the instruction of the youth.

Evidently its design was and should be to fill the minds and impress the hearts of the young with the word of God, having as a final result their personal salvation.

Do we take the interest that we should as Free Methodists, and do we expect as high results as we ought?

Do we see our scholars converted and brought into the church?

Preachers and pilgrims, can we not unitedly improve in our methods and efforts to promote the Sunday-school cause? It is difficult for the ministry alone or the membership without the aid of the preachers to accomplish the work that is needed to be done. But by uniting our efforts we most surely can accomplish greater results.

One parent says, I am interested in the Sunday-school work. Very well, but what do you do? Do you attend as regularly as possible? Do you prepare the lesson properly? Do you assist the children of your home as you can, that they may be able to master the lesson each Sabbath? Do you invite and make welcome your neighbors and their children? Do you support the school by contributions sufficient to equip the school with all the helps that are needed to make it easy to get the lesson on the minds and hearts of the attendants?

Again.—We believe the best thing to do is to supply the school with those officers and teachers that are not only qualified mentally but who have the best moral influence upon the minds of those who will be in touch with them.

Do we, as preachers do our duty as we should in the encouragement of the schools under our care?

Brethren, both in the ministry and laity, let us arise and shake ourselves and put forth greater effort, for from this source we may expect our greatest ingathering to the church, and of the very best quality too. God bless our efforts and give us great results.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

PONCA, GUTHRIE, KINGFISHER, ENID, CLEO AND HOBART DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'c'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PONCA DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
Ponca, Maple Grove and Stony Point.	H. O. Radford	36	7	43	..	..	2	14	70	7	$ 14 43	$ 7 02	$ 3 90	$ 5 85	$ 3 90	$ 6 24	.....	$ 61 62
Perry, Lone Elm and Hayward	E. O. Davenport	28	15	43	1	1	1	10	45	8	10 36	5 04	2 80	4 20	4 80	4 48	$ 2 00	.....
Quay, Antioch and Blackwell	O. L. Davenport	37	9	46	..	..	2	16	54	16	11 47	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	4 96	.....	47 00
Tonkawa, Whiterock and Garber	E. A. Andrews	26	2	28	2	..	1	5	25	11	4 81	2 34	1 30	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	21 15
Manford	U.S. Pitsenberger, supply	4	...	4	1	..	1	8	35	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GUTHRIE DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
Guthrie and Pleasant Valley	G. M. Hadduck	45	4	49	3	1	1	8	60	15	18 50	9 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	8 00	.....	30 83
Oklahoma City and Norman	J. L. Brown	43	3	46	2	..	..	..	..	10	11 10	4 40	78	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	.....
Agra, Oak Grove and Sparks	W. F. Campbell, supply	21	5	26	5	..	..	..	..	5	8 51	2 49	.....	3 48	.....	3 68	.....	.....
Mounds, Beggs and Supulpa	W. C. Fair, supply	7	...	7	2	..	..	..	..	3	2 59	.....	.....	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Asher and Purcell	F. M. Baker	5	..	5	2	..	1	4	20	2	1 85	90	50	75	50	80	.....	.....
Waterloo	T. H. Allen	7	...	7	1	..	..	..	..	3	2 59	1 26	70	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
Muskogee	Samuel Dir, supply	4	...	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 48	72	40	60	40	64	.....	.....
Fort Towson	N. W. Sanford, supply	9	...	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	1 85	90	50	75	50	80	.....	.....
KINGFISHER DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
Cashion and Bethel	J. H. Wright	56	...	56	1	..	2	18	110	14	24 79	12 06	6 70	10 05	6 70	10 72	.....	35 90
Geary, Watonga and Etna	Slade Freer	59	3	62	2	..	2	15	90	14	18 50	9 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	8 00	10 30	24 75
Dyke and Fountain	L. M. Tinker	44	11	55	2	2	1	7	60	6	10 36	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
Seiling, Taloga and Camargo	E. N. Cobb, supply	19	3	22	1	..	1	3	15	2	6 29	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
ENID DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun Jr., Dist Elder																	
Enid and Waukomis	C. C. Goltry, supply	22	4	26	1	1	1	7	22	10	6 66	3 24	.....	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
Nashville and Coldwater	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	15	2	17	..	..	1	4	21	6	7 13	2 42	1 90	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	.....
Eddy, Deer Creek and Satchel Valley	F. D. North	23	..	23	..	1	1	7	20	5	8 51	4 14	2 30	3 45	2 30	3 58	.....	21 09
Wakita, Prairie Queen and Clyde	Harry Peacock	54	5	59	1	..	1	11	115	13	20 35	9 90	5 50	8 25	5 50	8 80	7 31	67 10
Flint schoolhouse	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	7	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hennessey	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	2	...	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CLEO DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder																	
Wisby, Clymer and Augusta	Melvin Wright	48	16	64	..	1	3	15	100	9	17 39	8 46	4 70	7 05	4 70	7 52	.....	23 00
Helena, Aline and Ames	Carey Fisher	28	1	29	..	1	..	..	..	4	10 36	5 04	.....	4 20	.....	1 78	.....	9 00
Chester, Dane and Isabella	W. E. McWilliams	42	3	45	2	..	2	6	50	12	12 95	6 30	3 50	5 25	3 50	5 00	2 00	.....
Moscow and Vonton	R. H. Shoup	25	1	26	2	1	2	6	30	5	9 70	6 66	.....	5 55	3 70	2 08	.....	.....
Winchester and Green Valley	Orville Newell, supply	8	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	2	2 59	1 26	70	1 00	70	14	.....	.....
Paladin and May	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	8	..	8	1	..	1	..	..	1	1 85	1 08	21	90	60	80	.....	.....
HOBART DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder																	
Poarch, Lone Wolf and Hefner	N. C. Swigart	51	2	53	2	..	1	6	40	12	16 28	7 92	4 40	6 60	4 40	7 04	9 50	.....
Apache, Lawton, Chickasha, Laverty	C. W. Van Treese	25	1	26	1	..	..	..	..	7	5 92	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	2 50	5 35	.....
Total		808	98	906	37	10	27	170	985	209	$ 269 17	$ 128 21	$ 59 89	$ 110 80	$ 70 81	$106 40	$ 45 46	$332 54

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PONCA DISTRICT											
Ponca, Maple Grove, Stony Point		$ 4 75	$ 27 44	$ 1 95	$ 389 60	$ 45 98	$ 9 30	1	$ 1100	1	$ 500
Perry, Lone Elm and Hayward		3 04	29 40	1 40	238 90	45 91	27 15	1	900		
Quay, Antioch and Blackwell		2 23	19 00		285 00	60 33		1	900	1	300
Tonkawa, Whiterock and Garber	$ 53		17 24	65	372 75	39 22		1	2000	1	1000
Manford		91	9 86		9 15	17 31					
GUTHRIE DISTRICT											
Guthrie and Pleasant Valley	3 20	5 38	25 78	2 50	430 00	68 79		1	2200	1	700
Oklahoma City and Norman					515 08	33 30				1	1500
Agra, Oak Grove and Sparks				1 15	160 14	35 93	22 50				
Mounds, Beggs and Supulpa				11		17 65					
Asher and Purcell			4 00	25							
Waterloo				35		3 86					
Muskogee				20							
Fort Towson				25	100 00	10 00					
KINGFISHER DISTRICT											
Cashion and Bethel	3 79	10 66	53 51	3 35	500 00	72 70	22 00	2	2500	1	750
Geary, Watonga and Etna		3 18	47 72	2 50	523 01	53 08		1	800	1	750
Dyke and Fountain			14 10	1 40	248 50	46 42		1	700	1	150
Seiling, Taloga and Camargo			5 21	85	180 00	31 51	5 00			1	300
ENID DISTRICT											
Enid and Waukomis				43	234 83	38 54		1	1600	1	400
Nashville and Coldwater				95	300 75	38 56		1	1000		
Eddy, Deer Creek, Satchel Valley		5 15	15 12	1 15	289 02	47 40				1	300
Wakita, Prairie Queen and Clyde			29 45	2 75	350 00	57 07	18 35	1	1200	1	400
Flint schoolhouse											
Hennessey											
CLEO DISTRICT											
Wisley, Clymer and Augusta		11 46	38 20	2 35	280 00	58 78	100 00	1	800	1	200
Helena, Aline and Ames				1 40	266 72	29 66	15 60			1	400
Chester, Dane and Isabella		1 60	25 00	1 75	240 00	38 20	12 40	1	600	1	300
Moscow and Vonton					77 01	16 70		1	900		
Winchester and Green Valley					4 26	21 83	33 00				
Paladin and May											
HOBART DISTRICT											
Poarch, Lone Wolf and Hefner			14 00	2 20	380 00	50 00	125 00	1	1000	1	600
Apache, Lawton, Chickasha and Laverty	1 00	50		80	163 34	30 16					
Total	$ 8 52	$48 86	$ 374 98	$30 69	$6489 06	$1008 89	$ 390 30	16	$ 18200	16	$3 55

WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the First Annual Session, held at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, July 5-8, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

W. H. WILSON, *Secretary.* R. HAMILTON, *Treasurer.*

W. H. WILSON, O. L. KING, *Railroad Secretaries.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, F. M. Wees, E. Steer.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. M. Wees, O. L. King.
On Publications—R. Hamilton, R. Elsom.
On Sabbath-schools—D. Kirk, Thilia Champion.
On Education—F. M. Wees, E. Steer, J. W. Commodore.
On Reforms—O. L. King, W. H. Wilson, W. Robson.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. W. Commodore.
On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The district elders.
To Receive and Disburse Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to the Annual Conference—R. Hamilton, W. H. Wilson.

RAILROAD SECRETARIES

W. H. Wilson, for Saskatchewan district; O. L. King, for Alberta district.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. H. Wilson. *On Education*—O. L. King.
On Sabbath-schools—F. M. Wees. *On Reforms*—E. Steer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Wilson, president; O. L. King, secretary; F. M. Wees, treasurer; R. Elsom, D. Kirk.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

First year, E. Steer; second year, O. L. King; third year, W. H. Wilson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Missions, (2) Conference Missions (25 cents); second quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (2) Church Extension; third quarter, (1) Permanent Fund (5 cents), (2) Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to Annual Conference (25 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Annie L. Steer, president, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Josie R. Wees, recording and corresponding secretary, Hudmore, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Jennie Elsom, treasurer, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Wilson, F. M. Wees, O. L. King, E. Steer, R. Hamilton, J. B. Newville.

DELEGATES

William Robson, R. Elsom, J. W. Commodore, George Cook, David Kirk, Thilia Champion.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, F. M. Wees, O. L. King, R. Elsom, Thilia Champion.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. B. Newville.

6. Who are the deacons? R. Hamilton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? R. Hamilton, J. B. Newville.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. Steer, from the East Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. None.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $19.84.

23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? To be decided by a committee.

APPOINTMENTS

Saskatchewan District—F. M. Wees, District Elder, Hudmore, Saskatchewan.

Moose Jaw and Boharm.....E. Steer, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
Westview.....W. H. Wilson, Westview, "
Ebenezer.....Theodore Sharp, supply, Sintaluta, "
Hudmore and Black Heath.....Josie R. Wees, supply, Hudmore, "
Roseview and Rockland.....Henry Hamilton, supply, Roseview, "
R. Hamilton, J. B. Newville, supernumerary.

Alberta District—O. L. King, District Elder, Edmonton, Alberta.

Edmonton.....To be supplied
Hurry and Round Hill.....A. L. Haight, supply, Hurry, Alberta
Michigan Center, Conjuring Creek and Calmers.....
.....Thilia Champion, supply, Conjuring Creek, "

Calgary.....To be supplied
Earlville.....F. B. Lewis, supply, Earlville, Alberta
Rawfurley and Dinwoodie.....To be supplied

MISCELLANEOUS

The first annual session of the Western Canada conference was held under their tabernacle in connection with the Saskatchewan district camp-meeting in the city of Moose Jaw, July 5-8. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with usual acceptability. His preaching and addresses were very stimulating to the conference and visitors.

The new conference consists of six members—five elders and one deacon.

A conference society of the W. F. M. S. was organized with Mrs. A. L. Steer as president; Mrs. Josie R. Wees, secretary; Mrs. Jennie Elsom, treasurer. They reported $131.65 raised during the past year.

Over $200 was raised during the conference for various purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS.

The Free Methodist church is a reform church. Reformation, however, is one of our incidental works. The great work to which God has called us is to "spread scriptural holiness over this land." But in thus establishing holiness unto the Lord we necessarily have to combat every practise that is contrary to pure and undefiled religion. The work we seek to see done is one of transformation, whereby men are made new creatures in Christ. This necessarily involves a reformation.

We desire to plainly assert our opposition to the liquor traffic in all its forms, believing that prohibition is the only solution of this great problem. We pledge ourselves to support no political party that favors the license system.

We also consider the secret society system as one of the greatest forces that is arrayed against the spread of Christ's kingdom among men.

Tobacco holds its countless victims in a slavery that is worse than the poor African ever knew.

The great tide of popular amusements is sweeping on its bosom the professed church of Christ out into lightness and carelessness and refined sins where communion with God is lost, the power of the Spirit's presence gone and godly, holy seriousness ridiculed. Joking, jesting and trifling conversation fill the air. Jesus declared, "Every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Our young people are especially to be cautioned against this sin. We are called of God not to amuse but to save men. To this end we should show all that we are tremendously in earnest about things of eternal concern.

Family government is at the basis of our social system. It pains us to see the woful lack of discipline in the homes of many. We believe that God has imposed on every parent the sacred duty to rule his own house well—to train them up in obedience to proper authority and to reverence sacred things. In many homes the parents obey the children instead of the children obeying the parents. It is not right for parents to attend the Sabbath services and leave the children at home to amuse themselves. All the family should attend divine service whenever possible and parents should see to it that their children sit with them—not in the back seats with the wild, unruly element. If faithful to our trust along these and other lines we believe God will give us our children for himself and the church, for "the promise is unto us and our children." Glory to God!

In church matters the class-meetings need careful attention. We deplore the fact that this blessed means of grace has been neglected in some cases. In some societies the class-meeting as conducted by John Wesley and our fathers is almost unknown. A simple testimony meeting has taken its place. We believe that the maintenance of the regular old-fashioned class-meeting will be the means of uniting us in close fellowship with each other and will make us more successful in the great work of bringing salvation to those who desire to flee from the wrath to come. Nor must the other means of grace be neglected. We especially urge much secret prayer, fasting and self-denial and continual searching of the Scriptures. It is a sad fact that many professed Christians read the newspapers more than they do the word of God. The blessed Bible should fill both our hearts and minds.

As a church we should pay more attention to singing. This important part of our work has been greatly neglected. The inspired Apostle Paul declared that he would sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also. We believe that a leader should be appointed in every congregation whose duty it should be to teach the people to sing properly

—the different parts should all be sung. Special seasons should be devoted to this important work. We believe an improvement along this ling will result in an increased attendance at our religious services in general.

We desire to caution our people also against the spirit of worldliness. In this western country there are so many opportunities for speculation and acquiring property rapidly that even saved people are apt to imbibe the worldly spirit that exists in financial circles. In order to retain our identity as a pure, holiness church we must insist that our people be entirely separate from this worldly spirit in all manner of conduct. In proportion as this spirit comes in God's Spirit goes out of the church. To be a real Free Methodist one must be filled with the Holy Ghost which will make us exceedingly unworldly even as the apostles and saints of old were. God grant that we may be. This will enable us also to be a plain people. In this age of extreme vanity many yield to an alarming extent along the line of adornment both of their homes and their persons. The Lord has called us to combat this evil. We must be very guarded at this point. There is little difficulty in keeping useless ornaments off from those who are really saved and who keep blessed of God. To fully follow the Bible requirements to be adorned in modest apparel not with gold or pearls or costly array. in this age of show and gaudy display requires real integrity of character. We urge that the preachers insist that our people dress plainly as becometh those professing godliness.

Our Free Methodist people should also be careful to observe that part of the General Rules which says we should not go into debt without a probability of paying. To assume financial obligations to obtain a necessary article may be quite right, but to place ourselves under financial obligations without a fair probability of meeting them when due is simply commercial thievery which is very much out of place for anyone especially for one who belongs to a holiness church. Many people have lost their experience through financial embarrassments, while many more have injured their influence and the cause of God.

The desecration of the Sabbath is quite universal. The Sabbath day is used by the world as a great day for social visiting and pleasure. We protest against this evil. God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Secular conversation occupies much of the time of these social visits and grieves the Holy Spirit. Let all our people abstain from all appearance of evil along this line and only do such Sabbath visiting as has for its object the saving of souls.

Some of our laymen think that our ministers should reform along the line of preaching long,dry sermons. They want the sermons to end before the interest flags. We ask you to earnestly pray for our preachers that whether their sermons are long or short they may be packed full of soul food and delivered under the unction of the Holy Ghost.

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SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT											
Westview			$ 17 25	$ 1 50	$ 431 10	$ 91 00		1	$ 2400	1	$ 500
Moose Jaw				45	238 78	27 20		1	2000		
Ebenezer				40		35 50		1	1000	1	600
Roseview			10 30	75	20 00	39 40				1	600
Hudmore					157 03	16 15				1	140
ALBERTA DISTRICT											
Edmonton			12 00		123 25	11 25	$ 3 85				
Hurry and Round Hill			15 02		50 00	30 95					
Michigan Center, Conjuring Creek					74 00	15 75	11 00				
Calgary					61 00						
Total			$ 54 57	$ 3 10	$1155 16	$ 287 25	$ 14 85	3	$ 5400	4	$ 1840

*Church and parsonage are in one.

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Westview	W. H. Wilson	32	1	33	1	..	1	7	46	12	$ 11 10	$ 5 40	$ 3 35	$ 4 50	$ 3 00	$ 4 80	.....	$131 65
Moose Jaw	E. Steer	10	1	11	..	..	1	3	12	3	3 33	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	1 44	.....	37 50
Ebenezer		11	..	11	1	..	1	3	15	3	2 96	1 44	1 00	1 20	80	1 20	.....	.....
Roseview		25	2	27	1	..	1	6	35	2	5 55	2 70	3 65	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	35 00
Hudmore	Josie R. Wees, supply	6	7	13	..	1	..	....	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
ALBERTA DISTRICT	O. L. King, District Elder																	
Edmonton	Lizzie J. King, supply	6	2	8	..	2	1	6	25	3	.....	.....	6 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hurry and Round Hill	A. L. Haight, supply	23	2	25	1	..	1	8	35	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan Center and Conjuring Creek	F. B. Lewis	7	8	15	..	..	1	....	....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calgary		4	1	5	..	..	..	..	....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		124	24	148	4	3	7	33	168	40	$ 22 94	$ 11 16	$ 16 30	$ 9 30	$ 6 20	$ 9 84	.....	$209 15

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at Greenville, Illinois, September 19-23, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

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On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. D. Cochran, A. L. Whitcomb.

On Sabbath-schools—I. W. Maxey, E. G. Burritt, J. Knowles.

On Reforms—W. R. Bonham, J. LaDue, C. H. Tiffin.

On Publications—M. E. Lude, S. K. Wheatlake, Henry Barritt.

On Education—F. H. Ashcraft, J. W. Sharpe, William Baker.

On State of the Work—W. D. Cochran, J. C. Sills, B. F. Grigg.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. R. Taylor.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Deremiah, B. F. Ray, J. E. Read.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, W. D. Cochran, J. C. Sills George Haram, W. T. Branson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. F. Grigg, president; J. C. Sills, secretary; C. H. Tiffin, treasurer; W. D. Cochran, W. T. Branson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. T. Graham, president, for five years; J. H. Flower, for four years; F. H. Ashcraft, for three years; J. LaDue, for two years; M. E. Lude, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Educational Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—E. G. Burritt. *On Publications*—J. W. Sharpe.

On Reforms—A. L. Whitcomb. *On Education*—J. LaDue.

RAILROAD SECRETARY

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M. E. Lude, Ipava, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Bonham,	J. LaDue,	D. R. Taylor,	C. A. Stoll,
C. P. Ewing,	E. G. Burritt,	J. Adams,	B. F. Ray,
W. H. Lawson,	X. Atchison,	J. L. McGiffin,	M. E. Lude,
G. W. Hood,	I. W. Maxey,	R. W. Sanderson,	F. H. Ashcraft,
B. C. Dewey,	A. L. Whitcomb,	A. C. Damon,	D. Kimbro,
J. W. W. Kelley,	S. D. Barritt,	S. V. Coe,	J. H. Flower,
D. W. Sala,	S. K. Wheatlake,	B. F. Grigg,	M. H. Shepard,
J. W. Sharpe,	E. R. Banning,	W. C. Kelley,	W. T. Graham,
W. D. Cochran,	J. F. Deremiah,	A. J. Smith,	J. N. VanNattan,
B. C. Johnson,	J. C. Sills,	H. G. Ahlemeyer,	C. J. Turnbow,
S. E. Cooper,	H. S. Stewart,	R. Trever,	Fred. E. Bennett.

DELEGATES

Ada Lower,	J. N. Knowles,	J. W. Foster,	W. T. Branson,
H. C. Barritt,	C. H. Tiffin,	Ethel Knowles,	Orpha Abbott,
Henry Robertson,	John Blackwell,	Bertha Ahlemeyer,	G. M. Brown,
George Haram,	William Baker,	J. H. Severe,	T. A. Dilbeck,
P. M. Royer,	S. C. Mahara,	William Gore,	Bersha Green,
Samuel White,	C. O. Reynolds,	J. E. Read,	Martha Munson.
Mary Lawson.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. D. Cochran, J. C. Sills, B. F. Grigg, W. T. Branson, George Haram, Samuel White.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? R. C. Nowlin, B. N. Everett, J. G. Yeck.

4. Who remain on trial? J. A. Williams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Fred E. Bennett.

6. Who are the deacons? B. C. Dewey, C. A. Stoll, C. J. Turnbow, S. E. Cooper, Fred E. Bennett.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. R. Banning, J. L. McGiffin, J. W. W. Kelley, I. W. Maxey.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. Adams, M. H. Shepard, D. W. Sala, R. Trever.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. Trever, from the West Kansas conference; H. L. Stewart, from the Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? M. A. Cox, under censure.

13, 15. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At St. Louis, Missouri, as near the middle of September, 1907, as practical.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the Central Illinois annual conference join the Free Methodist Mutual Aid Society.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was a most harmonious one. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed through the entire session. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with ability and was greatly blessed of the Lord in preaching. His address before the students of Greenville College, together with the conference which attended in a body, was a masterly one and a great inspiration to all who heard him.

Miss Grace Allen, our returned missionary from Africa, gave an interesting address on the progress of the work in Africa, at the close of which a collection of about $150 was taken in cash and subscription.

The visiting brethren were B. Y. Neal of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; J. O. Hockett, of the Texas conference; W. W. Mayfield, of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference; C. A. Fleming. of the Wabash conference, and J. B. Lutz, of the Wabash who represented the publishing house.

R. Trever, of the West Kansas conference, and H. S. Stewart, of the Iowa conference, were received by transfer.

The reports from the circuits showed a net gain of seventy-nine members.

A. L. Whitcomb, F. H. Ashcraft and W. D. Cochran were elected ministerial delegates to general conference; B. F. Grigg, J. LaDue, reserve. A. T. Branson, Samuel White and William Baker, lay delegates; C. H. Tiffin and George Haram, reserve.

A service was held in the interest of Greenville College and $700 was raised in cash and subscription.

The appointments on the whole were well received and the brethren and sisters departed to their various fields of labor for another year of battle and victory in the Master's vineyard. May God make it a year of great success in the conversion and sanctification of many souls.

APPOINTMENTS

Greenville District—W. D. Cochran, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Greenville	A. L. Whitcomb, Greenville, Illinois
Zion, Union Grove and Dudleyville	J. A. Williams, " "
Coffeen and Sorento	D. Kimbro, " "
Keyesport, Boulder and Shady Grove	C. Howland, " "
Belleville and Dutch Hollow	Fred Bennett, " "
Litchfield	S. K. Wheatlake, Litchfield, "
Hettick	G. W. Hood, Hettick, "
Bingham and Halford's Chapel	W. H. Lawson, Bingham, "
St. Louis Mission	J. H. Flower, St. Louis, "
Smithboro	To be supplied
Honey Bend	To be supplied
Hillsboro, Irving and Witt	D. R. Taylor, Hillsboro, Illinois

F. H. Ashcraft, evangelist, Greenville, Illinois; J. LaDue, C. A. Stoll, professors in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; E. G. Burritt, vice-president Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; W. R. Bonham, J. W. Sharpe, evangelists, Greenville, Illinois; S. E. Cooper, missionary to Japan; B. C. Johnson, H. S. Stewart, left without appointment to attend Greenville College; E. R. Banning, J. L. McGiffin, supernumerary; A. J. Smith, left without appointment in view of taking work in Wabash conference; S. V. Coe, left without appointment according to ¶ 83, 84 of the Discipline; R. Trever, J. Adams, superannuated, Greenville, Illinois.

Cowden District—B. F. Grigg, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Cowden and Bethany	R. W. Sanderson, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville and Sylvan	H. G. Ahlemeyer, Tower Hill, "
Laclede and St. James	J. F. Deremiah, Laclede, "
Lovington and Bethany	T. H. Eaton, supply
Tower Hill and Lakewood	J. O. Hockett, supply, Tower Hill, Illinois
Pana, Roberts' Chapel and Ohlman	W. C. Kelley, Pana, "
Mt. Vernon, Steeleville and Home	A. C. Damon, Mt. Vernon, " / Grace O. Damon, supply
Taylorville, Frailey's Chapel and Owaneco	C. J. Turnbow, Taylorville, "
Vandalia	To be supplied

J. W. W. Kelley, supernumerary, Petroleum, Kentucky; B. C. Dewey, evangelist, Hermon, California; I. W. Maxey, supernumerary, Decatur, Illinois; D. W. Sala, superannuated, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Ipava District—J. C. Sills, District Elder, Coffeen, Illinois.

Ipava and Summum	M. E. Lude, Ipava,	Illinois
Vermont, Bethany and Ray	B. F. Ray, Vermont,	"
Lewiston circuit	X. Atchison, Lewiston,	"
Macomb and Colchester	J. N. VanNattan, Macomb,	"
Bluffs, Naples and Valley	Joseph Yeck, Bluffs,	"
Durham, Lomax and Carmen	C. P. Ewing, Lomax,	"
Antioch, Rushville and Fairfield	S. D. Barritt, Rushville,	"

J. C. Sills, member of Ipava district quarterly conference; M. H. Shepard, superannuated, Monmouth, Illinois.

Mason City District—J. C. Sills, District Elder.

Mason City and Forest City	W. T. Graham, Mason City,	Illinois
Athens and Kilbourne	Bersha Green, supply, Athens,	"
Hopedale and Big Grove	R. C. Nowlin,	"
Clinton and Decatur	B. N. Everett, Clinton,	"

LOCAL PREACHERS

C. E. Baird	St. Louis,	Missouri	
H. W. Sweeten	St. Louis,	"	
P. A. Rudolph	Keysport,	Illinois	
Elzie O'Neal	Rushville,	"	
Thomas Glover	Belleville,	"	
Charles Starkey	Belleville,	"	
T. S. Boswell	Mt. Vernon,	"	
E. F. Barritt	Colchester,	"	
J. Minor	Greenville,	"	
W. M. Wilson	Bingham,	"	
R. C. Nowlin	Hopedale,	"	
W. A. McEwen	Greenville,	"	
W. T. Klotzbach	St. Louis,	Missouri	
H. S. Land	St. Louis,	"	
Allen Parker	Bluffs,	Illinois	
Charles Rowland	Belleville,	"	
M. B. Byrd	Belleville,	"	
John Martin	Raymond,	"	
M. Smith	Shelbyville,	"	
Paul Nelson	Greenville,	"	
S. Fowler	Cowden,	"	
E. T. Ellis	Bingham,	"	
J. G. Yeck	Bluffs,	"	
Carl Howland	Greenville,	"	

EVANGELISTS

Marguerite A. Barnes	St. Louis,	Missouri	
Blanche Coker	St. Louis,	"	
Mattie Thorpe	St. Louis,	"	
Maude Reiter	St. Louis,	"	
Etta S. Kelley	Pana,	Illinois	
Grace O. Damon	Mt. Vernon,	"	
Mamie Douglas	Hettick,	"	
Bertha Ahlemeyer	Tower Hill,	"	
Ella M. Smith	Greenville,	"	
Rosa Sala	Shelbyville,	"	
Blanche Smith	Greenville,	"	
Mary E. Kelley	Petroleum,	Kentucky	
Dita Young	Donnellson,	Illinois	
Amanda Hart	Lakewood,	"	
Robert Adams	Greenville,	"	
Carrie M. Flower	St. Louis,	Missouri	
Minnie Brink	St. Louis,	"	
Allan White	St. Louis,	"	
Mary Lawson	Bingham,	Illinois	
Mollie Dewey	Hermon,	California	
Lillie Taylor	Litchfield,	Illinois	
Sarah Hockett	Tower Hill,	"	
Lillie E. Hood	Hettick,	"	
Lou E. Fleming	Greenville,	"	
Kate Coe	Greenville,	"	
Lulu Ewing	Lomax,	"	
Blanche Pollock	Clinton,	"	
Mayme McCaslin	Coffeen,	"	
Nora Adams	Greenville,	"	
S. D. Young	Donnellson,	"	
Ella Pratt	Hettick,	Illinois	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $601.25.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Apportioned and raised, $292.50.
Conference Missions.—Apportioned, $162.50.
Collected, $152.98; deficit, $9.52.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $243.75.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $162.50.

General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Apportioned and raised, $260.
Foreign Missions.—$226.29.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$604.44.
Educational Fund.—$32.50.
Children's Fund.—$13.60.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and raised, $81.25.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Primarily, "Education takes in at one sweep nearly everything that we see, or feel, or know, suffer or enjoy." "What hast thou that thou hast not received?" Through natural instinct the young toad skilfully catches mosquitoes for his breakfast, and the newly hatched partridge with a piece of shell on his back leaves his nest and hunts his living. But we begin existence devoid of everything but life. It is a bright child who at three months knows its mother, an extra smart boy that at a year old can run, and a child that at two years old knows its alphabet is a wonder. It takes us one half of an average life to learn how to make a living. We begin life as paupers and end it as bankrupts. But though the creatures of instinct lead us at the start, we soon leave them behind for, having no means to educate their species, they travel the same paths which their progenitors did when Noah turned them out of the ark; while we, blessed of God with minds possessed of wondrous receiving and transmitting power, are ever advancing, until the student of twenty years old has a grasp on his environment that Methusaleh did not possess when nearly 1000 years old, and the experience of one hundred generations, through 6000 years is ours to profit by. That helpless child stands able to dissect a sunbeam, measure the energy of a cyclone, weigh a planet a hundred million miles away or map out with exactness the track of sun and comets to travel a score of years hence.

These are days of wonderful advantage along educational lines. Schools are springing up everywhere, but many of them appeal only to the physical and intellectual, while the spiritual nature is fearfully neglected. We as a people feel the need of Christian education. A cultured mind must vastly increase the usefulness of a purified heart in either the ministry or laity. Forty-one years ago last June the writer saw a medium-sized boy in an undersized suit of clothes step up to Father Roberts on the St. Charles camp-ground and hand him ten cents toward starting Chili Seminary. That ten cents has now grown to one fourth of a million dollars, and Chili, Spring Arbor, Evansville, Wessington Springs, Orleans, Seattle and Los Angeles Seminaries are to day blessing the church and the world by turning out a large number of noble young men and women developed under Christian education. But heaven has seemed to bless the Central Illinois conference with a Benjamin's mess of Christian education in giving us Greenville College—one of the youngest of our schools, but so centrally located to the whole country that it has drawn church-wide attention from the first, and at a bound has leaped to the very front. Already its students are teaching in all but one of our seminaries and in many other schools and colleges. Others are preachers in several conferences, missionaries in Japan, China and Africa, and in government employ in the Philippines. It is gathering around it a large body of representative Free Methodists. Five of its faculty answer roll call in our conference; the most of its teachers profess holiness; of its nearly three hundred students, many are preparing to be missionaries or ministers, while a large class of Bible students are studying the word of God as a preparation for their life work. Greenville College deserves and needs our very best moral and financial support; therefore, we believe it to be the positive duty of every preacher in this conference to heartily present the interests of Greenville College to all the people they can reach.

And, further, as the aggregate of all of our conference collections the coming year will probably be less than one dollar per member; therefore,

Resolved, That we instruct each pastor to collect a sum equal to one dollar per member, and having paid the conference claims therefrom, to turn the balance into the treasury of Greenville College, as a slight expression of our interest therein.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Pure literature is essential to pure character. That which we read has much to do with what we are. We believe the literature found in our homes and Sabbath-schools should be in keeping with the principles we advocate. The amount of spurious and poisonous reading matter flooding our land is appalling. There is not only need of heeding the divine injunction to "give attention to reading," but likewise to give attention to what we read, and also to what those intrusted to our care are reading.

We are pleased, however, amid the flood of unwholesome literature that abounds on every hand to be able to present to the people such clean publications as the *Free Methodist*, *Earnest Christian*, *Missionary Tidings*, *Lighthouse Messenger* and *Vista*, also our Sabbath-school papers and many wholesome books published and handled by our publishing house.

We do not consider it a possibility to be true to the convictions which constitute us as

Free Methodists and at the same time ignore the interest of our publishing house. We believe it to be vastly important that our people be posted in regard to the affairs of our church, and while they may be intelligent otherwise, they cannot be intelligent as Free Methodists and not take the *Free Methodist*. We regret that while many of our people claim they cannot afford to take the *Free Methodist* at the same time they can afford to take a leading political or county paper and often an agricultural paper. It is hard for such to escape the suspicions that they have but little relish for good, strong spiritual food.

And yet we are not so sure but that some of our preachers may be more or less to blame for the absence of our publications in many of our homes, in that they do not set the example by patronizing our publishing house themselves, or that they do not publicly and privately insist upon our people taking the *Free Methodist*, and our Sabbath-schools taking our Sabbath-school papers. The publishing house is ours and we should seek its interest as we would that of our own.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

While we recognize and freely declare, that interest in reforms is not proof of individual salvation, yet we are fully persuaded that where vital piety exists there will be active interest manifest in all moral reform movements. We are glad to note that our denomination has always taken front rank on questions of reform, involving principles of righteousness. This is as it should be.

The condition in the realm of moral, civic and national life demands increased vigilance and activity, if commendable and permanent progress is to be made along these lines. The impress of consecrated Christian manhood and womanhood must be given to our social, civic and political life if it is to be lifted to the plane where God is to be honored and humanity blessed.

The Liquor Traffic.—Prominent among the reform movements that are pressing to the front for solution is the liquor traffic, that hideous and hateful monstrosity that like a frightful vampire has fastened itself upon the body politic as well as intrenched itself in the social and commercial life, of the nation. While the traffic has been bold and defiant in its deadly work, there are hopeful signs of a general uprising; for the aggressive opposition of the forces of righteousness against this monstrous iniquity has made more visible and marked impression in recent years than for two decades. The vile system of legalized iniquity is writhing under the steady thrusts of enlightened public sentiment and Christian conscientiousness. We believe the liquor traffic is doomed; but much is yet to be done before the full realization of that glad day when our fair land will be free from the insolent domination of rum. Until that day dawns let us keep steadily at our task, refusing to make any compromise with the common enemy of God and humanity. Let us serve notice on all politicians and political parties that unless they declare their opposition to this "sum of all villainies," the liquor traffic, they are not good enough to receive our votes.

Secrecy.—We believe that secrecy has its foundation in human selfishness. We regard oath-bound secrecy to be inimical to spiritual religion and contrary to the genius of free popular government. Our position as a church on this question is well taken and should be steadily maintained.

Sabbath Observance.—The sacredness of the Sabbath as an institution ordained of God for the moral, spiritual and physical well being of mankind, is closely associated with the perpetuity of Christian civilization. We therefore, deeply deplore the spirit of the age that seems to demand the secularization of the holy Sabbath. The running of railway trains, the Sunday baseball and other forms of Sabbath desecration demand the rebuke of the church of God throughout the land. Christians of every name should bear their testimony against Sabbath desecration by avoiding those milder forms of it, such as, visiting the post-office, reading or writing business letters, going to the meat or milk markets on that day. This will be a powerful factor in inspiring a proper respect for the day. All our preachers should preach on the subject of Sabbath observance and thus help to establish a proper regard for the sanctity of God's holy day in the minds of the people.

V.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Through the mercies of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we have come through another conference year. As we review our work we find cause for both gratitude and humiliation. We are grateful for the degree of success the Lord has been pleased to give us. A spirit of aggressiveness has prevailed throughout our conference; there have been five camp-meetings held; three new churches have been built or purchased and two are now in building.

We rejoice to note the number of devoted workers we find, both among the ministry and the laity. We have also a corps of earnest and successful evangelists in the field.

Our finances have been liberal and indications are, in some parts at least, that our people are improving on these lines.

On the other hand, it is a source of humiliation that there are no more saved, that not a greater number of the converts persevere, so small a percentage become efficient members of the church.

The shadows of death have been thrown across our threshold this year. Sister Emma Ahlemeyer, wife and co-laborer of one of our members, after long and intense suffering, throughout which the grace of God was ever triumphant, was taken to her reward. Sister Jeanetta Hood, mother of G. W. Hood, and Brother J. H. Moss, who were identified with our work from the beginning, and strong pillars in the church, were also called to glory. May God grant that their mantles may fall upon others, to take up the work these faithful ones laid down.

VI.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

This subject is freighted with importance. The present and future success of the church, especially the future, depends almost entirely upon the foundation work performed relative to the Sabbath-school. There should not be a disregard for any plan, method or system that will lead to a thorough search of the holy Scriptures. Some have objected to such because they were common school methods, while many others have done so because of a lack of knowledge or a surplus of ignorance. Others, no doubt, have opposed for the sake of opposition, as they could not assign any logical reason for standing on such a platform.

There must be righteous incentives instilled by the teacher and inculcated by the pupil. Best results are obtained under conditions when there exists pupils in the full sense of the term, associated with a good teacher.

A careful instructor, especially a godly one, will bring to the front a genuine learner. The Bible contains the historical, the mathematical, the physical and the political. These should all have due consideration at the hands of a teacher. Then may we look for and expect the real development of the intellectual, the mental, the moral and the spiritual.

We would not dare to presume to say that the proper results can be obtained concerning the rising generation without the practical application of truth. The theoretical and the practical are inseparably connected as pertains to a grand consummation. God-given wisdom must be coupled with saving grace. The golden mean in human activities is a priceless jewel.

Wisdom should be ever present with the officers of the Sabbath-school. A light attendance is no excuse for a wholesale dumping into one class. A class will lose its identity and the school soon be ready for the cemetery. Under such condition it would be better to forget than to embalm. The isolated plan and isolated idea is a murderer. As has been stated in previous articles on this subject the walls of the room should be adorned with charts and maps which should be used constantly and intelligently. The Sabbath-school is a place where Biblical truth will be perpetuated or relegated to the rear. God forbid that it should ever be the latter.

Co-operation in all the branches of the Sabbath-school is here urgently recommended, in all the workings of the church from the general superintendents down along the line, terminating in the same in this branch of the work.

Lastly, we would call attention to assignment and requirements of those having the oversight of the school and classes. The teacher should assign a lesson and will if a true one. That teacher should upon a careful examination draw from the pupil the knowledge obtained. The pupil must have something to do. It is possible for a Sabbath-school to be successful in the accomplishment of its exalted purposes—the salvation of the rising generation. All connected with the work should be themselves thoroughly saved.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

GREENVILLE, COWDEN, IPAVA AND MASON CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GREENVILLE DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, Dist. Elder.																	
Greenville	A. L. Whitcomb	255	32	287	6	6	1	25	290	50	$ 93 61	$ 45 54	$ 25 30	$ 37 95	$ 25 30	$ 40 48	$ 9 33	$156 58
Zion, Sorento and Union Grove	A. J. Smith	92	12	104	1	..	3	27	175	16	27 75	13 50	7 50	11 25	7 50	12 00	16 82	11 60
Bingham and Sandy Bend	S. V. Coe	67	6	73	..	..	2	12	90	14	21 46	10 44	5 80	8 70	5 80	9 28	.....	17 00
Dudleyville, Millersburg, Smithboro	J. A. Williams	30	6	36	..	..	1	6	35	4	9 99	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	70
Keyesport and Boulder	Fred E. Bennett	38	24	62	..	..	2	13	85	6	4 44	2 16	1 30	1 95	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
Coffeen	D. Kimbro	52	3	55	..	..	1	11	75	9	19 98	9 72	5 40	8 10	5 40	8 64	2 66	..
Dutch Hollow and Belleville	Xenophon Atchison	60	10	70	5	..	2	14	70	3	17 50	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	5 50	10 00	1 25
Litchfield	S. K. Wheatlake	72	14	86	2	1	1	11	60	9	16 28	7 92	4 40	6 60	4 40	7 04	34 50	.....
Hettick and Brushy Mound	Mamie Douglas, supply	21	..	24	..	1	2	13	70	5	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	.....
St. Louis Mission	J. H. Flower	125	30	155	5	8	1	8	40	16	35 15	17 10	9 50	14 25	9 50	15 20	68 75	.....
Raymond and Honey Bend	W. D. Cochran	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 85	90	50	75	50	80	.....	.....
Hillsboro and Irving	B. F. Grigg	50	2	52	1	..	2	11	55	8	18 87	9 18	5 10	7 65	3 59	8 16	.....	.....
Witt	R. Trever, supply	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	3	3 15	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	1 62	.....	.....
COWDEN DISTRICT	J. W. W. Kelley, Dist. Elder.																	
Cowden and Bethany	W. H. Lawson	110	1	111	..	1	2	24	130	20	42 55	20 70	11 50	17 25	11 50	18 40	.....	25 00
Shelbyville	Mayme McCaslin, supply	22	5	27	..	1	1	8	35	....	7 14	3 96	1 33	.....	.....	2 22	.....	.....
Laclede and St. James	R. W. Sanderson	78	5	83	1	1	2	17	100	14	31 45	15 30	8 50	12 75	8 50	8 75	52 68	.....
Lovington, Bethany and Decatur	I. W. Maxey	54	1	55	1	..	3	20	90	7	18 13	8 82	4 90	7 35	4 90	7 84	.....	18 45
Tower Hill, Lakewood, Cold Springs	B. F. Ray	57	1	58	..	2	2	18	120	12	20 35	9 90	5 50	8 25	5 50	8 80	.....	12 20
Pana, Ohlman and Roberts' Chapel	W. C. Kelley	66	5	71	..	2	2	14	100	6	23 68	11 52	6 40	9 60	6 40	10 24	9 37	.....
Mt. Vernon	Mary E. Kelley, supply	22	4	26	1	2	1	5	30	4	5 50	4 50	3 70	5 55	5 20	1 00	.....	.....
Taylorville and Owaneco	C. J. Turnbow	22	3	25	..	..	1	7	20	3	5 75	4 46	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	.....	.....
IPAVA DISTRICT	J. C. Sills, District Elder.																	
Ipava and Summum	M. Edward Lude	21	5	26	..	..	1	4	10	5	8 88	4 32	2 40	3 60	2 40	3 84	.....	.....
Vermont and Bethany	J. F. Deremiah	54	3	57	..	..	4	15	75	7	19 00	9 36	5 20	7 80	5 20	8 32	19 18	.....
Lewiston	W. T. Graham	65	2	67	..	..	3	19	82	14	11 52	23 68	.....	9 60	6 40	10 24	.....	.....
Macomb and Colchester	J. N. VanNattan	78	6	84	4	1	2	13	68	12	23 49	13 86	7 70	11 55	7 70	12 32	3 00	29 68
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City	Minnie B. Johnson, supply	34	5	39	1	..	2	19	45	4	3 80	6 84	3 80	5 70	1 90	6 08	.....	.....
Lomax, Carmen and Durham	H. G. Ahlemeyer	23	5	28	1	2	1	6	32	6	8 14	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 50	.....	4 00
Antioch and Fairfield	S. D. Barritt	71	1	72	..	..	4	22	123	10	23 68	11 52	6 40	9 60	6 40	9 60	.....	.....
MASON CITY DISTRICT	J. C. Sills, District Elder.																	
Mason City and Forest City	W. A. Phipps, supply	16	6	22	1	..	1	4	10	....	9 44	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Athens and Kilbourne	T. H. Eaton, supply	13	5	18	1	..	1	7	20	....	5 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hope Dale and Big Grove	R. C. Nowlin, supply	11	1	12	1	1	..	..	..	1	2 47	75	1 50	67	55	1 21	.....	.....
Clinton	Bert N. Everett, supply	18	11	29	..	2	1	7	53	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1714	216	1930	32	31	52	380	2088	270	$ 544 62	$ 291 01	$ 152 98	$ 240 32	$151 64	$235 48	$ 226 29	$267 46

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'th School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
*Greenville	$11 25	$ 5 00	$ 140 80	$12 65	$ 775 00	$ 135 42	$ 72 77	1	$ 4000	1	$ 1500
Zion, Sorento and Union Grove	10 75	....	57 30	3 75	400 00	60 42	58 53	3	3400	1	300
Bingham and Sandy Bend	.....	.....	12 60	2 90	348 00	53 41	281 61	1	1000	1	400
Dudleyville, Millersburg, Smithboro	.....	.....	19 22	1 35	235 40	37 11	28 22	3	1200	1	400
Keyesport and Boulder	.....	.....	55 00	60	150 00	28 00	40 00	1	750	..	.....
Coffeen	.....	.....	58 02	2 70	305 61	46 57	.....	1	1500	1	650
Dutch Hollow and Belleville	2 50	1 40	83 16		380 87	57 09	5 00	3	4500	1	300
Litchfield	3 00	.....	33 12	2 20	424 53	49 50	8 51	1	1400	1	700
Hettick and Brushy Mound	.....	.....	12 75	1 30	250 00	36 00	2 30	1	1000	1	800
†St. Louis Mission	3 00	2 00	31 74	4 75	537 50	51 00	222 35	..	.....	..	.....
Raymond and Honey Bend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	1	600	..	.....
Hillsboro and Irving	.....	.....	8 17	.....	223 36	27 60	.....	2	2000	1	1000
Witt	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 00	8 78	.....	..	.....	..	.....
COWDEN DISTRICT											
Cowden and Bethany	.....	.....	29 80	5 75	420 00	80 00	28 00	2	1200	1	600
Shelbyville	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	1	1500	..	.....
Laclede and St. James	.....	.....	58 35	4 25	450 00	65 00	56 00	2	1800	1	600
Lovington, Bethany, Decatur	.....	....	67 77	2 45	449 37	49 89	25 45	2	2400	..	..
Tower Hill, Lakewood, Cold Springs	.....	95	45 30	2 75	410 00	55 76	9 26	3	2800	1	900
Pana, Ohlman, Robert's Chapel	.....	.....	80 00	3 20	408 48	60 00	138 01	3	2700	1	600
Mt. Vernon	.....	.....	25 00	1 00	96 19	32 00	.....	1	1400	..	...
Taylorville and Owaneco	.....	....	15 02	1 25	332 00	36 00	27 75	3	3000	1	500
IPAVA DISTRICT											
Ipava and Summum	.....	.....	18 50	1 20	343 80	51 00	.....	1	800	1	400
Vermont and Bethany	.....	.....	31 96	2 60	416 10	58 51	14 50	2	3500	1	500
Lewiston	.....	.....	84 25	3 20	486 00	66 00	48 00	3	2400	1	1000
Macomb and Colchester	2 00	2 00	40 81	3 85	584 15	100 17	153 07	4	5000	1	600
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City	.....	.....	23 02	14 06	292 36	37 11	107 61	2	1500	1	800
Lomax, Carmen and Durham	.....	..	9 20	1 10	265 00	43 27	5 00	1	1700	..	...
Antioch and Fairfield	.....	2 25	39 10	3 20	380 00	76 00	74 40	3	1800	1	500
MASON CITY DISTRICT											
Mason City and Forest City	.....	.....	.....	....	15 50	32 80	.....	1	1500	1	800
Athens and Kilbourne	.....	.....	.....	..	192 17	30 60	19 72	2	1200	1	500
Hope Dale and Big Grove	....	.....	.....	40	113 63	17 75	32 44	2	1000	1	300
Clinton	.....	....	26 72	.....	227 00	24 60	29 85	1	1000	..	...
Total	$32 50	$13 60	$1106 68	$82 46	$9999 02	$1525 76	$1486 55	57	$ 59550	23	$14650

*For Woodstock Home, $33.10; Japanese Relief Collection, $15.00

†San Francisco Relief Fund, $25.00

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 19-22, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

J. T. LOGAN, *Secretary.* B. A. SCULL, *Assistant Secretary.*

J. WINTSCH, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, J. Cavnaugh.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. R. Henry.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. B. Myer, O. V. Ketels, J. E. Payne.

On Reforms—A. W. Myer, W. Gould, J. T. Logan, W. A. F. Miller, H. Wood.

On Education—S. E. Davies, S. V. McVey, C. H. Stahl.

On State of the Work—G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, J. Flumerfelt, O. Parsley.

On Publications—C. A. Kress, O. D. Seward, G. W. Kopp.

On Sunday-schools—B. A. Scull, Mary K. Eakins, Addie Williams.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. Gould, J. W. Tamblyn.

On Memoirs—G. Eakins, O. D. Seward, J. T. Logan, A. G. Miller.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—M. B. Myer. *On Education*—A. W. Myer.

On Publications—S. E. Davies. *On Sunday-schools*—C. A. Kress.

On State of the Work—A. G. Miller.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. V. Ketels, president; O. D. Seward, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. W. Myer, A. G. Miller.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

G. Eakins, president; A. W. Myer, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. G. Miller, A. R. Henry.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. Eakins, president; H. W. Armstrong, secretary; A. G. Miller.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

W. B. Bertels, president; H. Pedlar, secretary; C. O. Schantz, treasurer; G. Eakins, R. P. Johnston.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (37 cents); fourth quarter, General Superintendents' Fund (18 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Sarah Allen Dickson, 4841 Cedar avenue, West Philadelphia, Pennsyl-

vania; first vice-president, Mrs. Lucy Martin, Walton, New York; second vice-president, Miss Ann Eliza Haviland, Rahway, New Jersey; corresponding secretary, Eleanor R. Stuart, 242 North Tenth street, Allentown, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Mrs. M. K. Eakins, Windsor, New York; treasurer, Mrs. L. Cavnaugh, 66 High street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; librarian, Ruth Ketels, 249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Gould,	S. V. McVey,	O. V. Ketels.	G. Eakins,
C. F. Wurster,	J. Wintsch,	J. W. Tamblyn,	D. J. Santmier,
A. G. Miller,	W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,	O. D. Seward,
J. Cavnaugh,	H. W. Armstrong.	J. E. Payne,	A. W. Myer,
M. B. Myer,	S. E. Davies,	C. A. Kress,	B. A. Scull,
W. J. Mosedale.			

DELEGATES

J. Eberhardt,	Mary K. Eakins,	W. A. F. Miller,	H. Wood,
A. R. Henry,	G. E. Lester,	C. Cole,	A. Seifried,
J. Grosberger,	C. H. O'Brien,	O. Parsley,	S. O. Watson,
C. H. Stahl,	J. Flumerfelt,	Addie Williams,	J. S. Sutton,
F. E. Putnam,	G. W. Kopp,	G. W. Finney,	C. Butts,
E. S. Wolfe,	S. E. Franklin.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. R. Henry, J. Flumerfelt.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. C. Ketels, W. H. Van Ness, G. W. Kopp.

4. Who remain on trial? R. C. Smith.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. J. Mosedale.

6. Who are the deacons? C. H. O'Brien, ordained local deacon this year.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. A. Kress B. A. Scull.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. V. McVey, C. F. Wurster.

10, 11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? I. D. Pembleton.

16-23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place, left to be secured by A. G. Miller; time to be as near the second Wednesday in September, 1907, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third annual session of the New York conference was held at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 19-22, 1906. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided with acceptability. Five sittings were held.

A. G. Miller and G. Eakins were re-elected traveling district elders.

J. T. Logan and A. W. Myer were elected ministerial delegates to the general confer-

ence, and A. G. Miller and G. Eakins reserves. The lay delegates elected were: A. R. Henry and W. B. Bertels, with H. Wood and E. S. Wolfe reserves.

Rev. W. H. Kindt, pastor of the Grove Street Evangelical church, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. H. J. Buckingham, pastor of the First Primitive Methodist church, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. I. A. Sellers, pastor of Zion Evangelical church of Hazleton, Pennsylvania; Rev. S. H. Chubb, pastor of the First United Evangelical church of Wilkes-Barre; Rev. L. Shellhorn, of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Rev. Thomas Hooper, of the Berwick, Pennsylvania, Methodist Protestant church, were introduced to the conference, and with Rev. L. D. Perkins of the Genesee conference, Mrs. W. A. Sellew, Miss Sarah A. Dickson, W. B. Bertels, the evangelists present and the preachers who had been supplying circuits this year, were invited to honorary seats.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient manner in which he presided over the deliberations of conference, to the secretaries and treasurer for their labor, to the people of Wilkes-Barre who kindly entertained the members of conference, and to the pastor and his wife for courtesies shown.

APPOINTMENTS

New York District—A. G. Miller, District Elder.

Brooklyn ..... E. Blews, supply
New York ..... O. V. Ketels
Newark ..... O. C. Ketels
Orange ..... C. H. O'Brien
Dover and Amity ..... O. D. Seward
Phillipsburg ..... To be supplied
Allentown ..... W. Gould
White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley ..... W. H. Van Ness

A. G. Miller, member of New York district quarterly conference; C. F. Wurster, supernumerary; W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent; D. J. Santmier, evangelist.

Philadelphia District—A. G. Miller, District Elder.

Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland ..... A. R. Henry, supply
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace ..... G. W. Kopp
Alexandria and Washington ..... B. A. Scull
Rockville ..... To be supplied
Avery, Lay Hill, Spencerville ..... J. W. Tamblyn
Baltimore and Alesia ..... To be supplied by W. J. Mosedale

W. J. Mosedale, conference missionary.

Wilkes-Barre District—G. Eakins, District Elder.

Wilkes-Barre ..... J. Cavnaugh
Dorranceton, Trucksville, Orange, Harvey's Lake and Dallas ..... M. B. Myer
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen and Russell Hill ..... To be supplied
Waverly, Scranton, Highland and Glenwood ..... S. E. Davies
Beech Lake and Berlin ..... J. Wintsch
Simon, Ariel and Pink ..... H. W. Armstrong

J. T. Logan, supplying work in the Illinois conference.

Windsor District—G. Eakins, District Elder.

Windsor and East Windsor ..... J. E. Payne
Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville ..... To be supplied
Uniondale, Ararat, Stevens Point, Oquaga Lake and Kenyon Hill ..... A. H. Smith, supply
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Babbittsville, Equinunk, Sherwoods and West Preston ..... C. A. Kress
Walton ..... H. W. Rowley, supply
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, Egypt and Berrybrook ..... A. W. Myer
Big Hollow and North Settlement ..... To be supplied
Allaben, Pine Hill and Bushnelville ..... R. C. Smith
Godeffroy and Milford ..... E. S. Wolfe and E. F. Myer, supplies

G. Eakins, member of Windsor district quarterly conference.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into full connection	Name	Address
1863	W. Gould	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1872	S. V. McVey	Hollisterville, "
1874	O. V. Ketels	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins	Windsor, New York
1877	C. F. Wurster	14 Utica avenue, Brooklyn, " "
1878	J. Wintsch	Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
1878	J. W. Tamblyn	Rockville, Maryland
1880	D. J. Santmier	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1881	A. G. Miller	110 Bullman street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose	14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan	1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, "
1885	O. D. Seward	Dover, New Jersey
1890	J. Cavnaugh	66 High street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
1892	H. W. Armstrong	Simon, "
1893	J. E. Payne	Windsor, New York
1896	A. W. Myer	Ferndale, " "
1898	M. B. Myer	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1902	S. E. Davies	Waverly, "
1904	C. A. Kress	Equinunk, "
1904	B. A. Scull	Alexandria, Virginia
1906	W. J. Mosedale	719 West Thirty-fifth street, Baltimore, Maryland
	ON TRIAL.	
1904	R. C. Smith	Allaben, New York
1906	O. C. Ketels	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1906	W. H. Van Nees	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1906	G. W. Kopp	Pleasant Hill, Maryland

EVANGELISTS

*Mrs. Mary E. Santmier....White Haven, Pennsylvania.
*Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York
Mrs. Lulu Pantley.....63 Third street, Paterson, New Jersey.
A. H. Michael. . Scranton, Pennsylvania
*Mrs. Lillie E. Wood .....78 Broad street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
*Miss A. E. Haviland...Rahway, New Jersey.
Mrs. Emma Armstrong....Vineland, New Jersey.
*Mrs. Mattie E. Shaffer.....White Haven, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Nellie M. Payne...Windsor, New York
*Mrs. Ellen M. Reed....Waymart, Pennsylvania.
*Mrs. Lucy Martin.....Walton, New York
Mrs. Louisa Smith....524 East Sixth street, New York City, New York.
*Mrs. Ella S. Armstrong.....Simon, Pennvania.
Mrs. Mary E. Walker ..Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Fanny Peverill....Alexandria, Virginia

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels.....19 East South street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
W. H. Laning.....1307 Race street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
J. T. Smith ....801 Duke street, Alexandria, Virginia.
A. Sergeant.....Seventh and King street, Wilmington, Delaware.
G. W. Swingle. .South Canaan, Pennsylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

B. G. Ely.....Pink, Pennsylvania
A. R. Henry.....2015 Fairmount avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
E. S. Wolfe.....Milford, Pennsylvania
D. M. Thomas....Ferndale, New York, in care of Rev. A. W. Myer.
M. A. Parker.....Hamilton, New York
W. W. Bartholomew....Cortland, " " box 61, R. F. D.
E. D. Prentice.....Starruca, Pennsylvania
C. H. O'Brien...92 Williams street, Orange, New Jersey.

*Licensed by the annual conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

B. C. Fuller.....Waverly, Pennsylvania
S. J. Thickett ...New Rochelle, New York
V. C. Ketels .....155 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, New York.
R. P. Johnston.....363½ Twelfth street, Brooklyn, New York.
E. F. Myer.....Godeffroy, New York
P. R. Phillips, Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania
U. D. Barber....Springville, "
A. W. Down...Dorranceton, "
C. H. Stahl ...Wilkes-Barre, "
W. H. Sands.....Dover, New Jersey
G. Peverill .....Alexandria, Virginia
I. Parker..Congress Heights, Washington, D. C.
W. J. Barnes...Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
J. D. Howard .....Windham, New York
Z. A. Swingle.....Simon, Pennsylvania
Loren Wright.....Waverly, "
W. Hosier ....White Haven, "
N. Lamoreaux....Harvey's Lake, Pennsylvania.
G. E. Lester.....Equinunk, Pennsylvania
J. Norris.....Baltimore, Maryland
F. Kopp..... Lineboro, "
C. McKinney.....Simon, Pennsylvania
George Brazee.....Walton, New York
J. Q. Tompkins.....364 Eighteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
J. W. Gould.....246 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
A. H. Smith.....Uniondale, Pennsylvania
I. Sutton, R. F. D. 2, Pittston, "
S. O. Watson....White Haven, "
J. H. Kintner ....Meshoppen, "
R. M. Graham ..Philadelphia, "
F. B. Sanford.....Orson, "
B. Armstrong.....Vineland, New Jersey
L. H. Ketels..249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey.
B. F. Schantz.....Allentown, Pennsylvania
C. A. Syreen.....Liberty, New York
O. Olver.....Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
J. W. Wetherill, White Haven, "
W. Gendle.....Wilkes-Barre, "
E. H. Ryman.....R. F. D. 1, Dallas, Pennsylvania.
T. H. Jenkins...Dorranceton, Pennsylvania
H. Albaugh..... Baltimore, Maryland
J. S. Wolfe..... Ariel, Pennsylvania

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

For Publishing the Minutes.—Raised, $25.
For Conference Claimants and Claims.—Appropriations for next year: Emma H. Haviland and children, $128; Elizabeth McDougall, $75; Maggie Scull and children, $97; Emily Travis, $100. Total, $400.
Missionary Board Treasurer.—Raised, $455.25.
Paid deficiency of last year, $87.51; W. J. Mosedale, $360; D. M. Thomas, $115. Total paid, $562.51. Due treasurer, $107.26.
Superannuated Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $382.58.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $51.70.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $186.12.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $103.40.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $155.10.
Foreign Missions.—Raised, $213.66.
Educational Fund.—Raised, $16.79.
Children's Fund.—Raised, $24.02.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Apportioned and paid, $165.44.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Isaac D. Pembleton was born December 19, 1833, and was the third of eleven children, of whom four brothers and four sisters are still living. On the twenty-sixth of March, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann Frantz, who passed away a few weeks after his decease. He leaves a son, William E., and daughter, Mrs. John Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and other relations to mourn his loss. He was converted at the age of fourteen. Some thirty years since, under the labors of Rev. T. S. LaDue, he was led into the experience of entire sanctification. He had been in the work of the ministry about twenty-five years.

The records of the West Kansas conference show that at its first session held at Logan, Kansas, in August, 1883, he was appointed to Alexander and Ness county as a supply, and that at its next session he was admitted on trial, ordained deacon, and stationed at Stafford. In 1885 he was sent to the Osborne and Glen Elder circuit, where he remained two years. In 1886 he was received into full connection. In 1887 he was sent to Schoharie; 1888, to Macksville; 1889, he was ordained elder, and sent to Cuba and Elk Creek circuit. In 1890, he was received by transfer from the West Kansas conference into the Kansas conference, and sent to Topeka. In 1891, he was elected traveling chairman of the Lawrence and Fort

Scott districts. The next year he was re-elected chairman, with a view of being sent to Oklahoma. His wife's health was such he considered it inexpedient to take her there, so he resigned and was sent to Clay Center circuit. In 1893, he was stationed at Prairie Center, Harmony and Old Union circuit; 1894, Meriden and Valley Falls; 1895, Alma and Pavilion. In 1896, he was elected district elder of the Fort Scott and Arkansas City districts, which he served until March, 1899, when he was sent to Altamont and Montana circuit. In October of 1899, conference stationed him at Arkansas City; in 1900, he was sent to Marion, Clark and Williams circuit. In 1901, he was returned to the same circuit. In 1902, he was sent to Winfield. In 1903, he was appointed to Columbus, but on account of his wife's failing health resigned and went to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in that same fall. Rev. J. T. Logan having resigned as pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Dorranceton circuit, to accept the position of office editor of the *Free Methodist*, Brother Pembleton served as supply till the ensuing conference. He was then transferred to the New York conference and appointed to the same charge. On the division of the circuit, at our last conference, in September, 1905, he was appointed to Dorranceton and Trucksville. He manifested profound interest in the maintenance and progress of the work at these points.

As he usually did, he walked to Dorranceton on Sunday, January 7, and home again after meeting, a distance of three miles each way, because he would not use the electric cars. He said he had an unusually good time in preaching from the words, "The harvest truly is great," and felt encouraged by the number in attendance. He anticipated the great privilege of preaching the first sermon in the new church, which was being built at Dorranceton, and of holding revival meetings in it when it was finished. On Monday he seemed to be unusually well, being cheerful and in a reminiscent mood. He talked of his past experiences, of his friends and of his work. He ate a hearty supper, visited till after ten o'clock, retired and slept soundly until 6:50 a. m., Tuesday. When he awoke he sat on the side of the bed and told Sister Pembleton that he had a great pain in his heart. They phoned at once for a doctor, but before he could do anything for him, his spirit had taken its flight, inside an hour after he was taken sick.

In doctrine, as far as we ever heard him speak, he was scriptural, evangelical and Methodistic. He was very highly esteemed by our people at Dorranceton and Trucksville, and the general testimony was that he was a good man. Brother Pembleton was a Methodist of the old type and did his utmost to spread scriptural holiness, and defend, uphold, and disseminate the principles of true Christianity wherever he went. There was no waver, no compromise, no yielding to anything he believed to be wrong; but he stood unflinchingly for the right with a determination and persistence only made possible by the experience of perfect love. He truly fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished his course with joy. This faithful soldier has received his honorable discharge, and has entered upon his eternal reward.

Rev. W. R. Tamblyn, the eldest son of Rev. J. W. Tamblyn, departed this life March 31, 1906, at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Robert Stuart, Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was born March 4, 1874, and was converted at the age of ten years in the home of his parents at Beech Lake. His eldest sister, Anna, was saved the same night through his earnest prayers, and has preceded him to that better land. On September 28, 1898, he was married to Miss Emma Stuart of Allentown, Pennsylvania. To this union three children were born.

He was admitted on trial in the New York conference, at Dover, New Jersey, in 1894, and was received in full membership and ordained deacon by General Superintendent B. R. Jones, in 1896, and in 1898 was ordained elder. His first effort to preach was when he lived in Windsor, New York. His father was pastor of the church at that place, and being quite ill called him to his room and asked him to go to the church and take charge of the service. He replied that he would do the best that he could. His text was, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." He preached with so much liberty that he always after responded readily to the call of his father for this work.

He served the following circuits with great acceptability: Allentown, Pennsylvania; Windsor, New York; Vineland, New Jersey; Prospect Hill and Meshoppen, Pennsylvania, and Brooklyn, New York. He surely was a preacher of more than ordinary ability, and many will rejoice in the great eternity that were brought to light through his instrumentality. He severed his connection with the Free Methodist church in expectation of a larger field of usefulness, as he expected to enter the field of evangelistic work under the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Through his entire sickness he cherished the hope of being raised to health, and that he again should go forth and declare the unsearchable riches of Christ. No better tribute to his memory can be given than the testimony of his afflicted wife: "He was one of the best, most unselfish, devoted husbands and fathers that ever lived, and his aim in life was to do good to others. Where there was misery and sorrow, and suffering there it was his desire to go to try in some way to relieve them. He believed in genuine, practical religion and lived it. He possessed what he professed, and lived it in his home life and everywhere else. He always seemed to feel that his work here was not done and the Lord would raise him up, and never till the day before his death did he make any expression that would in-

dicate that he thought of death, and then he said in a quiet manner as if it were to himself, 'Dust to dust, I am almost there.' "

During his sickness he said he had the favor of the Lord, and he repeated portions of "How firm a foundation" and said, "That is comforting, isn't it?" He reconsecrated himself to the service of the Lord when he should be restored to health, and he said he felt through this trial he would be fitted to do better work than he had ever done before. He left a wife and three children, besides other relatives, to mourn his loss.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NEW YORK DISTRICT											
Brooklyn			$ 128 40	$ 2 55	$ 875 00	$ 97 10	$ 13 00	1	$ 9000	1	$ 3000
New York	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	35 00	1 65	425 85	97 00		1	2000	..	
Newark	2 00		66 75	2 10	735 15	108 00		1	7000	1	1000
Dover and Amity	1 29	1 16		1 20	226 31	56 85		1	4000	..	
Phillipsburg				25				1	1800	..	
Allentown	7 00		44 71	2 30	616 19	108 81		1	3500	1	2000
White Haven, etc	1 00	50	22 35	3 15	470 33	54 78		1	800	..	
Orange								..		..	
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT											
Philadelphia, W. Phila., Vineland			11 15	1 05	750 55	68 68		2	9000	1	1500
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace		1 77		1 05	62 98			1	600	..	
Alexandria and Washington	2 50	2 25	25 26	2 05	579 14	85 22		1	1500	..	
Lay Hill, Rockville, etc			24 32	4 20	585 03			2	3300	..	
Baltimore and Alesia			77 41					..		..	
WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT											
Wilkes-Barre			49 74	1 55	633 29			1	10000	..	
Dorranceton and Trucksville				70	216 19	36 25		..		..	
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc					495 29			3	2000	..	
Prospect Hill, etc			24 53	3 20	519 69			3	2800	1	250
Waverly, Scranton and Highland			15 00	2 65	434 03	46 26		2	2400	..	
Beach Lake and Berlin		4 93	36 66	1 70	404 65	56 54		1	1800	..	
Simon, Ariel and Pink		2 66	18 73	2 95	436 25	70 88		1	1500	1	500
WINDSOR DISTRICT											
Windsor, East Windsor, etc			19 40	2 00	486 15	66 66		3	2800	1	800
Uniondale, etc			3 93	2 10	78 67	50 22		2	1750	..	
Lake Como, etc	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 70	385 46	71 13		2	1200	..	
Walton			28 66	2 10	244 51	50 00		1	1000	..	
Liberty Falls, etc		3 25		2 65	528 12	76 70		2	2000	1	1500
Big Hollow, etc				1 20	90 00	48 98		1	800	1	1000
Allaben, etc		1 50	20 16	1 95	232 00				1200	..	
Godeffroy and Milford			18 50	90	22 66	34 70		1	1400	..	
Raised at conference				1 80						..	
Conf, missionary, W. J. Mosedale						807 47				..	
District elder, New York and Philadelphia districts, A. G. Miller						992 97				..	
District elder, Wilkes-Barre and Windsor districts, G. Eakins						964 22				..	
Total	$16 79	$21 02	$ 675 66	$51 70	10533 49	$2764 66	$ 13 00	37	65150	9	$11550

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WILKES-BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
NEW YORK DISTRICT																		
Brooklyn	E. Blews, supply	51	11	62	3	1	1	12	138	10	$ 18 87	$ 9 18	$ 12 75	$ 7 65	$ 5 10	$ 8 16	.....	$ 42 95
New York	O. V. Ketels	31	1	32	..	1	1	9	40	6	12 21	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	5 28	$ 16 65	85 00
Newark	O. C. Ketels, supply	48	3	51	2	..	1	12	80	7	15 54	7 56	10 50	6 30	4 20	6 72	55 00	50 00
Dover and Amity	O. D. Seward	24	..	24	2	..	..	..	....	7	8 88	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	3 84	8 90	14 86
Phillipsburg	Supplied	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	....	1	1 85	90	1 25	75	50	90	.....	.....
Allentown	W. Gould	43	2	45	1	1	1	11	53	10	17 02	8 28	11 50	6 90	4 60	7 30	25 75	29 55
White Haven, etc.	W. H. Van Ness, supply	60	14	74	3	1	3	15	70	4	23 31	11 34	16 29	9 45	6 30	10 08	1 79	14 33
Orange	C. H. O'Brien, supply	4	7	11	1	..	..	..	....	....	1 63	1 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT																		
Philadelphia, W. Philadelphia, Vineland	S. E. Davies	22	2	24	2	1	1	4	15	4	7 77	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	3 36	15 00	.....
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace	G. W. Kopp, supply	22	11	33	..	..	1	5	41	1	6 92	....	5 25	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria and Washington	B. A. Scull	41	2	43	2	1	1	7	28	6	15 17	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	6 35	.....	38 69
Lay Hill, Rockville, etc.	J. W. Tamblyn	90	5	95	1	..	3	15	70	10	31 08	15 12	13 10	12 60	8 40	13 44	.....	.....
Baltimore and Alesia		35	11	46	3	..	2	2	240	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 70	34 36
WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT																		
Wilkes-Barre	J. Cavnaugh	24	9	33	4	..	1	9	50	4	11 47	5 58	11 00	4 65	3 10	4 96	.....	27 93
Dorranceton and Trucksville	I. D. Pembleton	23	10	33	1	..	2	13	88	10	5 18	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc.	D. J. Santmier	25	5	30	2	1	1	6	40	3	10 72	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	.....
Prospect Hill, etc	M. B. Myer	60	1	61	2	..	2	8	40	5	23 68	11 52	16 00	9 60	6 40	10 24	4 00	19 93
Waverly, Scranton and Highland	H. W. Rowley, supply	53	4	57	3	..	1	5	25	9	19 61	9 54	13 25	7 95	5 30	8 48	8 87	.....
Beach Lake and Berlin	J. W Wintsch	34	4	38	2	..	1	10	50	8	12 58	6 12	8 50	5 10	3 40	5 44	3 92	5 25
Simon, Ariel and Pink	H. W. Armstrong	59	9	68	3	2	1	9	40	12	21 83	10 62	14 75	8 85	5 90	9 44	.....	30 00
WINDSOR DISTRICT																		
Windsor, East Windsor, etc.	J. E. Payne, N. M. Payne, sup.	43	2	45	1	..	2	9	45	10	14 43	6 84	9 32	6 00	4 00	6 00	.....	.....
Uniondale, etc.	A. H. Smith, supply	25	2	27	3	..	1	4	23	5	13 68	7 56	.....	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	.....
Lake Como, etc	C. A. Kress	50	12	62	1	..	1	4	20	5	19 98	9 72	13 50	8 10	5 40	8 64	4 00	7 00
Walton	Lucy Martin, supply	34	4	38	1	1	1	8	50	..	10 00	6 50	10 50	6 30	1 00	6 50	5 18	1 85
Liberty Falls, etc	A. W. Myer	47	4	51	1	..	2	9	65	4	19 61	9 54	13 25	7 95	5 30	6 95	4 50	.....
Big Hollow, etc.	N. Lamoreaux, supply	24	..	24	..	..	..	..	....	6	8 88	4 32	1 56	3 60	2 40	3 84	2 80	.....
Allaben, etc.	W. W. Blossom, supply	37	3	40	..	..	1	4	16	5	14 43	7 02	6 48	5 85	3 90	1 51	2 50	.....
Godeffroy and Milford	E. S. Wolfe, E. F. Myer, supply	17	2	19	2	..	1	8	28	8	6 66	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
Raised at conference		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	9 59	12 35	.....	1 05	3 90	8 14	.....	.....
Total		1028	140	1168	46	10	33	217	1355	161	$ 382 58	$ 186 12	$ 243 95	$ 155 10	$103 40	$165 44	$ 184 56	$401 70

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held at Sharon, Pennsylvania, September 26-30, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

M. B. MILLER, *Secretary.* H. D. TODD, *Statistical Secretary.*

T. W. MURRAY, J. K. ODELL, *Assistant Secretaries.*

J. J. GINADER, *Assistant Statistical Secretary.* J. S. M'GEARY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller, E. S. Zahniser, A. M. Brown, J. C. Bowman.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. J. Barkas.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. N. Bennett, F. N. Fox, F. E. Pond, J. C. Davidson, F. W. McClelland.

On Sabbath-schools—J. F. Collins, W. E. Smith, Mrs. Dora G. Spotts.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On State of the Work—M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, J. H. Kahle.

On Reforms—A. J. Hill, A. H. M. Zahniser, W. Bryenton, A. M. Brown, G. Smith.

On Publications—J. S. M'Geary, R. A. Zahniser, O. N. Davis.

On Education—J. M. Critchlow, T. W. Murray, J. C. Bowman.

On Memoirs—D. B. Tobey, E. L. Monroe, Mrs. P. H. Caswell.

On Complimentary Resolutions—R. A. Robertson, A. T. Sager.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller, J. S. M'Geary, C. Cowan, J. H. Kahle.

On Ministerial Relations—H. D. Todd, A. J. Hill, J. J. Zahniser, J. C. Bowman, G. R. Fairbanks.

To Examine Titles to Church and Parsonage Property—M. B. Miller, J. M. Critchlow, J. C. Bowman.

To Receive Subscriptions for General Conference Daily—G. S. Bryan.

On Press Correspondence—J. K. Odell.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—M. B. Miller.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. J. Hill, time expires 1907; H. D. Todd, time expires 1908; T. W. Murray, time expires 1909; R. A. Zahniser, time expires 1910; E. S. Zahniser, time expires 1911.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Berkheimer, president; E. S. Zahniser, secretary; D. B. Tobey, treasurer; C. Cowan, A. M. Brown.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. S. M'Geary, J. M. Critchlow, M. B. Miller, C. R. Slade, C. B. Wight.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, J. E. Berkheimer, J. K. Dale, J. C. Bowman.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY

J. K. Odell.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: M. B. Miller, J. S. M'Geary, J. J. Zahniser. Reserve: A. J. Hill, J. M. Critchlow.

Lay: J. C. Bowman, A. M. Brown, O. N. Davis. Reserve: Mrs. Josephine McCurdy, J. H. Kahle.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents) and Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter,General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents), Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (5 cents) and Permanent Endowment Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Superannuated Claim (37 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents). All money to be sent to J. S. M'Geary, 41 Church Run street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. E. L. M'Geary, president, 41 Church Run street, Titusville, Pennsylvania; Miss Luella Newton, recording secretary, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Katherine Smith, corresponding secretary, Youngsville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lena Barkas, treasurer, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Sager,	D. B. Tobey,	M. B. Miller,	A. T. Sager,
J. S. M'Geary,	J. E. Berkheimer,	J. M. Critchlow,	J. J. Zahniser,
H. D. Todd,	A. Smith,	R. M. Whitcomb,	T. W. Murray,
C. E. Weaver,	E. Blews,	L. A. Sager,	J. N. Eager,
E. L. Kiffer,	A. J. Hill,	R. H. Williams,	R. McGarvey,
J. N. Bennett,	R. A. Robertson,	J. K. Odell,	J. J. Ginader,
F. E. Pond,	A. H. M. Zahniser,	R. A. Zahniser,	F. N. Fox,
W. J. Barkas,	F. W. McClelland,	M. E. Wolcott,	J. K. Mumau,
J. F. Collins,	G. S. Bryan,	H. W. Mitchell,	E. S. Zahniser,
W. Bryenton,	G. A. Garrett,	H. D. Call,	W. E. Smith,
G. J. Kelley,	R. F. Leight,	T. S. Slocum,	E. L. Monroe,
J. C. Davidson,	W. A. Quick,	J. F. Barkas,	I. B. Hawks,
F. B. Schriner.			

DELEGATES

Mrs. M. L. Smith,	George Smith,	Theodore Giles.	A. M. Brown,
Charles Cowan,	O. N. Davis,	J. H. Kable,	Harry McDonald,
Mrs. Anna Cron,	J. C. Bowman,	Mrs. B. C. Odell,	James Christy,
F. W. Bush,	John Shunk,	G. R. Fairbanks,	Jessie Payne,
Mrs. Josephine McCurdy,	Andrew Edinger,	Mrs. Ella Dick,	Mrs. C. C. Dale
Victoria B. Cannon,	Mrs. P. H. Caswell,	O. M. Patterson,	Orpha B. Hicks,
Fannie Wilson,	Dora G. Spotts,	Belle Whitton,	May B. Fox,
J. W. Johnson,	Mrs. Clara Garvin,	Anna Mossinger,	James Fry,
Mattie Wilder,	Harry Odell,	Mrs. S. Stafford.	Frank Gibbons,
H. F. Liebendorfer.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller, J. S. M'Geary, A. J. Hill, J. J. Zahniser, Charles Cowan, O. N. Davis, J. H. Kahle, Theodore Giles.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. J. Barber, W. H. McClimans, A. G. Crill, F. W. Parks.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. F. Barkas, I. B. Hawks, F. B. Schriner.

6. Who are the deacons? L. A. Sager, E. L. Kiffer, J. K. Mumau, H. W. Mitchell, G. A. Garrett, W. E. Smith, R. F. Leight, E. L. Monroe, J. C. Davidson, W. A. Quick, *J. F. Barkas, *I. B. Hawks, *F. B. Schriner, *A. J. Beattie (local), *E. W. Liebendorfer (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. D. Call, G. J. Kelley.

8. Who have located this year? W. B. Roupe, F. A. Reese.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Sager, R. H. Williams, R. McGarvey, G. A. Garrett, F. J. Barber, A. G. Crill.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. O. Copeland.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. M. Bean, G. W. Kiffer.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except two.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. T. J. Stone, $92.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $268.96.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Unionville (Fleming post-office), Center county, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1907, as is convenient to the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eighth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church, Elm street, Sharon, Pennsylvania, September 26-30, 1906. Seven sittings were held, one on Wednesday and two each on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

General Superintendent Walter A. Sellew presided with his usual ability, geniality and despatch. We were devoutly thankful to God for his preservation of Brother and Sister Sellew through their long journey and for their safe return.

A blessed spirit of love and harmony prevailed in both the business sittings and in the religious services. The new, commodious church was filled at all the evening services and on the Sabbath.

Revs. H. A. Baldwin, R. H. Bentley, E. E. Shelhamer, of the Pittsburg conference; Rev. L. D. Perkins, of the Genesee conference, financial agent of the Gerry Homes, and Rev. J. S. Martin, general secretary of the National Reform Association, were present as visitors and invited to honorary seats.

Five were ordained deacon and two as elder on the Sabbath.

The new church was dedicated by Brother Sellew on Sabbath afternoon. Over $2300 was raised, and as we knelt in prayer to give the house to God we felt to say, "What hath God wrought!"

E. S. Zahniser, the local pastor, was abundant in labors, providing royally for all. As he himself expressed it, "No hitches occurred."

There was a gain on all lines, spiritual, financial and numerical during the year.

The amount raised for the year by the W. F. M. S. was $2,704.85.

*Ordained this year.

APPOINTMENTS

Oil City District—John S. M'Geary, District Elder, 41 Church Run Street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Oil City and Salem.....R. A. Zahniser, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Siverly and Rouseville.....To be supplied
Franklin and Rocky Grove..A. H. M. Zahniser, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania
Titusville and Hydetown.....W. J. Barkas, Titusville, "
Youngsville, Sugar Grove, Davie and Hill and Brooks Hill } W. E. Smith, box 192, Youngsville, Pennsylvania / Katherine Smith, supply, " "
Tionesta, Newmansville and German Hill.....H. D. Call, Tionesta, "
Tidioute, Hickory and Whig Hill.....T. W. Murray, Tidioute, "
Barnes, Saybrook and North Clarendon.....G. S. Bryan, Barnes, "
Pleasantville, Enterprise, Jamison, Hamilton and Diamond.....
.....E. L. Monroe, Pleasantville, "
Mayburg, Kellettville and Garfield.....A. C. Tanner, supply. Mayburg, "
Walnut Bend, Weavers and West Home..A. J. Horner, R. F. D. 1, East Sandy, "
Glade.....To be supplied

J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; W. B. Roupe, located at his own request; J. N. Eager, left without appointment, North Clarendon, Pennsylvania; G. A. Garrett, supernumerary, Hydetown, Pennsylvania; R. McGarvey, supernumerary, R. F. D. 1, Warrensville, Ohio; F. J. Barber, supernumerary, Titusville, Pennsylvania; W. H. McClimans, manager of the "Gerry Homes," Gerry, New York; F. A. Reese, discontinued at his own request, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania.

Meadville District—Mendal B. Miller, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut Street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Meadville.....H. W. Mitchell, Meadville, Pennsylvania
Blooming Valley and Randolph.....To be supplied
Erie and McKean.....W. A. Quick, Springboro, Pennsylvania
Girard.....Frank Shutt, R. F. D. 3, Girard, "
Union City and Mill Village.....H. D. Todd, Blooming Valley, "
Centerville.....G. S. Mitchell, supply, Centerville, "

T. H. Goodrich, located according to ¶ 84 and ¶ 85 of the Discipline; G. W. Kiffer granted a certificate of standing with view of joining the North Michigan conference.

New Castle District—Mendal B. Miller, District Elder.

New Castle (Arlington avenue).....
.....D. B. Tobey, 281 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
New Castle (Dewey avenue)..B. Edwards, supply, Dewey avenue, " " "
New Castle Mission.....H. J. Preston, supply, " " "
Coaltown and Leesburg.....G. J. Kelley, R. F. D. 5, " " "
Sharon.....E. S. Zahniser, 26 Elm street, Sharon, "
South Sharon.....Mrs. Donella Zahniser, 26 Elm street, " "
Sharpsville.....A. J. Beattie, supply, 246 Sharpsville street, " "
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....William Bryenton, box 388, Mercer, "
Ellwood City.....J. F. Barkas. Ellwood City, "
Argentine.....C. E. Weaver, Bruin, "
Bruin.....To be supplied
Bullion.....J. M. Critchlow, Titusville, Pennsylvania
Grove City.....To be supplied

E. Blews, supply at Brooklyn, New York; A. G. Crill, supernumerary, New Castle, Pennsylvania; M. B. Miller, member of New Castle district quarterly conference.

Du Bois District—J. J. Zahniser, District Elder, Fleming, Pennsylvania.

DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek.....A. Smith, DuBois, Pennsylvania
Penfield, Winterburn and Mount Pleasant.....J. F. Collins, Penfield, "
Brockwayville, Hallton, Zimmerman and Egypt and Mountain } T. S. Slocum, Brockwayville, " / W. O. Webster, supply
Brookville and Lindsay.....M. E. Wolcott, Brookville, "
Philipsburg, Gearhartville and Munson.....F. W. Parks, Philipsburg, "
Tyrone.....J. C. Davidson, Tyrone, "
Fleming, Dix Run and Bush Hollow.....E. L. Kiffer, box 12, Fleming, "
Bellefonte, Snow Shoe and Collier.....
.....Lillian Webster, June Horning, supplies, Valentine Forge, "

S. Sager, supernumerary, 1196 Hertel avenue, Buffalo, New York; L. A. Sager, supply at Rochester, New York; J. J. Zahniser, member of DuBois district quarterly conference.

Clarion District—J. J. Zahniser, District Elder.

Kane, Lamont and Highland.....J. K. Mumau, Kane, Pennsylvania
Marienville, Loleta, Pleasant Grove and Byromtown.....
.....J. D. Shadle, Marienville, "
Tylersburg and Scotch Hill.....William Gearhart, Tylersburg, "
Clarion, Paint Mills and Strattonville.....J. J. Ginader, Clarion, "
Shirey and Greenville.....To be supplied
Piney.....C. W. Mowery, supply, Piney, Pennsylvania

R. H. Williams, supernumerary, Kane, Pennsylvania.

Bradford District—Alfred J. Hill, District Elder, 31 Pleasant Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Bradford.....A. T. Sager, 84 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Tuna Creek, Limestone and Bolivar Run.....I. B. Hawks, Tuna Creek, "
Lewis Run and Custer City.....R. B. Brewster, supply, Lewis Run, "
Duke Center, Rixford and Simpson.....R. F. Leight, Duke Center, "
Eldred, West Eldred, Indian Creek and Crosby.....F. B. Schriner, Eldred, "
Port Allegany, Liberty and Grimes.....R. M. Whitcomb, Port Allegany, "
Keech and Seven Bridges.....W. S. Newton, supply, Colesburg, "
Coudersport and Borie.....J. K. Odell, Coudersport, "
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....F. N. Fox, Ulysses, "
Galeton.....May B. Simon, Victoria B. Cannon, supplies, Galeton, "
Emporium and Beechwood.....J. N. Bennett, Emporium, "
Ridgway, John Wesley church and Laurel Mills.....R. A. Robertson, Ridgway, "

F. W. McClelland, supplying work in the Pittsburg conference; F. E. Pond, supply at North Chili, New York.

LOCAL ELDERS

W. B. Roupe.....Binghamton, New York
B. L. Grover.....West Salamanca, " "
William Richards.....Mayburg, Pennsylvania

LOCAL DEACONS

F. K. Young.....Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
J. C. Bowman.....Tionesta, "
A. J. Beattie.....246 Sharpsville street, Sharon, "
E. W. Liebendorfer.....11 Bailey avenue, Pittsburg, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. S. Mitchell...Centerville, Pennsylvania
William Webster..Munderf, "
Frank Shutt....R. F. D., Girard, Pennsylvania.
Homer Dibble....Spring Arbor, Michigan
Charles Cowan..Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.
John W. Simpson...New Castle, Pennsylvania.
R. B. Brewster..Lewis Run, Pennsylvania
H. O. Ellithorp.....Carlo, "
Emerson Cornelius....Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania.
N. S. Newton....Colesburg, Pennsylvania
W. J. Hughes...Emporium, "
Loyal Adams.....Hilliard, "
W. H. Muncey.....R. F. D. 4, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
W. E. McFadden..Falls Creek, Pennsylvania
Dawson Kirby...Strattonville, "
Henry Hosbach.....R. F. D., Girard, Pennsylvania.
Samuel Steiner.....Fleming, Pennsylvania
B. Edwards.....Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
O. N. Davis.....R. F. D. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
George Garlock..Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania
Otto Krantz.....Youngsville, "
G. P. Lindsey...R. F. D. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
C. W. Mowry.....Piney, Pennsylvania
O. M. Patterson.....Hilliard, "
C. J. Kaufman.....Wampum, "
H. J. Preston.....New Castle, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

J. K. Dale.....Liberty street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
Viletta Dalrymple.....Greenville, Illinois
Mrs. E. L. M'Geary..41 Church Run street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.
May B. Simon.... Galeton, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Katherine Smith..Youngsville, Pennsylvania.
Merrille Jacobs.....Seneca, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Florence A. Sager.....84 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Eva Winter.....Youngstown, Ohio
Della Williams.....West Fifth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Margaret Call ....Tionesta, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Huldah McClelland.. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. May B. Fox.....Ulysses, Pennsylvania
Mary J. Everhart....114 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Jennie Tobey...Warren, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Josephine McCurdy....Oil City, Pennsylvania.
O. S. Winslow.....Brockport, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Donella S. Zahniser .....Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.
Gertrude Grimm ....Ulyssess, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Minnie M. Smith.....Dug Out, West Virginia.
Mrs. Susie Whitford...R. F. D. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Helen Critchlow.....Siverly, Pennsylvania

EVANGELISTS

Ethel Cook..... Meadville, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Anna Crill .....Lathrop street. New Castle, Pennsylvania.
June B. Horning....Bellefonte, Valentine Forge, Pennsylvania.
Lillian Webster..... Bellefonte, Valentine Forge, Pennsylvania.
Dora G. W. Spotts.....Fleming, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Kate M. Collins.....Penfield, Pennsylvania.
Victoria B. Cannon.. Galeton, Pennsylvania
Lulu Crill.....Pittsburg street, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Luella Newton.....Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
Andora Post.....22 E street, Tyrone, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Ellen K. Zahniser.....312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. P. M. Hagar.....Portage Creek, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Mary Mowry.....Piney, Pennsylvania

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $252.15.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $168.10.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $302.58.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $84.05.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Apportioned and paid, $268.96.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $621.97.
Conference Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $252.15.
Children's Fund.—$57.15.
Educational Fund.—$13.70.
Foreign Missions.—$339.73.
Total money raised, $2,360.54.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Anna Maria Whitcomb was born near Quebec, Canada, September 23, 1853, and departed this life, June 24, 1906, at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, where her home had been for the past five years of her life.

Sister Whitcomb had a most remarkable conversion. She was reared a Roman Catholic, but finding nothing in her religion to satisfy her soul, she began earnestly to pray to God for light and help. While very ill at one time God gave her a vision in which she saw a tall man with a white robe in his hands, apparently for her. Some three years after this she was led to attend a Free Methodist meeting held at East Hickory, Pennsylvania. Rev. S. Sager was in charge and as soon as she saw him she recognized in him the person she saw in the vision. This opened her heart to receive the truth, and she soon was gloriously converted. Some two years later she was led into the rich experience of heart purity, in which experience she continually lived until her death.

Soon after her conversion Sister Whitcomb united with the Free Methodist church, the

church of her choice, in which she remained a faithful member until her spirit took its eternal flight.

Always in attendance at church when her health would permit, her prayers, testimonies and exhortations were an inspiration to the meeting. She lived in the Spirit, walked in the Spirit, and died a triumphant death. Those who live well die well.

Those who were permitted to see her during her last sickness were convinced more and more that our God is true to himself, in saying, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," "For which cause we faint not, but though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

She leaves a husband, Rev. R. M. Whitcomb, a member of this conference, with whom she traveled in the itineracy for several years, and three children to mourn her loss.

We believe that the influence of her godly life will be instrumental in drawing many to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." In the words of one of old: "I shall go to him; but he shall not return to me."

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The literature that one reads will exert a great and lasting influence in the moulding of his life and character and in the shaping of his destiny. Frequently the reading of a tract has resulted in the conversion of a sinner, and the reading of a good book has often resulted in giving shape and character to the entire life of an individual while the reading of a bad book has many times resulted in the wrecking of character for time and for eternity. It thus appears that no more potent agency for good or evil exists than the publications which issue from the press. The "god of this world" is awake to this fact and inspires those who do his service to flood the land with cheap publications, the majority of which are trashy and injurious to the mind, while a very large proportion of them are pernicious and vicious in their effect upon the character of those who read them.

The secular press is constantly spreading before the public the most sensational matters that can be gathered from the range of current events and, in the Sunday newspaper especially, from the field of "yellow literature." In the special field of religious literature there is much published in this day that is unsound doctrinally and much that presents false standards of Christian life and character to the world. The theories and speculations of men are taught for doctrines rather than the plain teachings of the word of God; a soft, sickly, human sentimentalism is substituted for deep, personal experience in the things of God; much of the Sabbath-school literature, and literature published especially for the young, is but a mild form of sentimental novel with a little diluted religious and moral instruction sprinkled at intervals to give it a "religious aspect." These publications are cheap and their cheapness (which by the way is frequently their chief recommendation) causes them to find their way into homes and Sabbath-schools and Sabbath-school libraries everywhere.

It is no small or unimportant part of the work of the church of Christ in this age of multiplied publications to furnish a type of literature which shall in some measure at least counteract the influence of that which is pernicious, and exert a wholesome influence upon men intellectually and morally. It is our conviction that we as a church have a mission to accomplish in this field of religious work and we express the hope that we may be "stirred up" throughout our borders to greater activity in this department of the Master's work.

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of our publishing interests under the able and judicious management of our venerable and venerated publishing agent, Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro. We believe that the *Free Methodist* ought to be in every Free Methodist home. We do not see how we can otherwise be intelligent Free Methodists. We commend all our publications to our people and trust that they may all be so conducted and ably edited that we may commend them to our own people and others, not simply because they represent Free Methodism but because they ably, fearlessly and clearly stand for truth and righteousness.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

We are still on the "firing line" in reform movements.

Sabbath Desecration.—We deplore the increasing violation of the command to Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We are opposed to its desecration by railroad, steamboat, and street car excursions and picnics, by base ball games and by doing ordinary work, or conversing on worldly subjects. We are pleased to know that the Canadian Parliament has already taken an advanced step toward making it unlawful to do ordinary business, run excursions, shoot at targets, etc., on the Sabbath. We hope our own government will give us some wholesome laws, that will insure us the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Romanism.—We are still opposed to the doctrines and practises of the Roman Catholic urch. We regard her as the enemy of religious liberty and civil government. Her efforts to abolish the Bible from our public schools, and gain control of this government, should

be strongly opposed by all patriotic citizens. We are opposed to any man holding governmental position who holds his supreme allegiance to the pope, instead of this government.

TRUSTS.—We deplore the spirit of concentrated covetousness, that usually controls the "trusts." They seem to be conscienceless in their consideration of the public and private rights of the people, not even regarding the health of the public, so that they may make their millions. We commend our president for the firm stand he has taken against trusts in general.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We maintain our position in opposition to secret societies. They are a manifestation of consolidated selfishness. The favorism shown to men belonging to secret societies in helping each other to get good positions in business, church and state, is one of the curses of the country. And when secret societies dictate (as labor unions often do) as to when, where and for what wages any one shall work, they are usurping authority and making themselves repugnant to all people who have common sense. And their "walking delegate" should be restrained by law, as an infringer of individual rights, and a menace to the commerce of society.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We believe this to be one of the most degrading and damnable traffics in existence. The $1,227,000,000 spent annually is only a small part of the havoc wrought by this monster drink traffic. The 100,000 who are dragged to drunkards' graves and a drunkard's hell every year, with the sighs, groans, tears and anguish of heart, felt by those whose hopes have been blighted, whose homes have been debauched, wrecked and desolated, and whose hearts have been broken by this unnamable, debauching, murderous, monster, drink, should arouse us to banish it from our midst.

We believe our government should dissolve partnership with this iniquitous liquor traffic. We are sorry that our president passes this subject in silence, and seems to lack courage to strike this monster a blow.

We believe it wrong to give our vote or moral support to any political party not commited for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. We are pleased that a political party has been organized for the overthrow of the liquor traffic and believe we should vote with the Prohibition party until we get a better. We would be pleased if the Prohibition party would acknowledge Jesus, in their platform, as the rightful ruler of all the nations on earth. He will have to be acknowledged as such before the saloon goes (Col. 3: 17). To try and overthrow the liquor traffic without him is vain (John 15: 5).

SOCIAL EVIL.—We notice, with sorrow, the looseness in morals everywhere. The marriage vow is treated far too lightly by many. The numerous divorces (one to every nine marriages in one state) should be enough to sound the alarm of warning, and set us on our guard to observe our Discipline, ¶ 104, to "converse sparingly and conduct ourselves prudently with women" (1 Tim. 5: 2). Free Loveism, with its subtle ways of "Judas kisses," and laughing hyena methods, is striking its ferocious claws into the very heart of the home life. It would tear to shreds the sanctity of the marriage relation, which was instituted and ordained of God to be the holy nursing place of the family, the safeguard of society and the bulwark of civil government. We hail with joy the White Ribbon movement and hope to see public conscience educated to demand purity in both sexes alike.

Our conference voted to recommend the following petition:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: We, citizens of the United States, respectfully pray you to submit to the people of the United States, through the legislatures of the several states, a constitutional amendment for the prohibition and suppression of polygamy, and that such amendment may contain an explicit acknowledgment of the moral laws of Jesus Christ as the basis and the standard of our legislation relating to the family."

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We recognize that in the Sabbath-school we have an important factor for the education and salvation of our children; and parents especially ought to feel their responsibility for the success of this part of God's work, insomuch that they would not only pray for its success, and send their children occasionally, but be sufficiently interested to go and take them every Sunday if possible, and be willing to do whatever they could while there to help on the work.

Too much stress cannot be placed on the importance of every member of the church being present at the Sabbath-school. In some places we not only have no Bible class, but not enough Christians attend to teach the classes; and in our judgment none but Christians should be employed as teachers in our Sabbath-schools even though large classes are the result.

Some one has said that "ninety per cent. of those converted in our church, come from the ranks of the Sunday-school." If this be true it seems to us that we as pastors are giv-

ing too little attention to this part of the work. Our publishing house has made ample provision for the work, in giving us plenty of good literature, which in our estimation is unequaled by any published. Also by providing for a home department, by which the influence of the Sunday-school is greatly extended, which department we would recommend to every school as a means of carrying the gospel into neglected homes.

Our general conference also recognizes the importance of this part of the work, and has given us special instructions concerning the same, which are found in our book of Discipline, page 82, ¶ 140, 141, and requires that every circuit preacher organize Sunday-schools where ten or more children can be got together; preach on the subject of Sunday-schools and religious instruction; form Bible classes, preach to and catechise the children, etc., which, if faithfully adhered to by every pastor, would no doubt add much to the success of this great work. The results of the pastor's most faithful efforts might be supplemented by that of the district elder if he would hold a meeting in the interest of the Sunday-school at the time of his quarterly visit to the different circuits, and so arrange the love feast that it will not interfere with the Sunday-school.

And it seems to us that a conference Sunday-school secretary of the right kind, could find a large and useful field of operation in the bounds of the conference. We think also that an annual Sunday-school convention on each district would serve to increase the interest in the Sunday-school work. We would recommend that every Sunday-school hold a weekly teachers' meeting.

We are pleased to note the fact that children's meetings are made a prominent feature of our camp-meetings, and have been fruitful in the salvation of some of the children for which we thank God.

Certainly we have need of improving every opportunity of instructing the children of our church, and reaching the thousands that are not found in the Sunday-school. It has been said that the "seed sown in childhood falls into deepest furrows, and may not come up immediately, but will be deep rooted, and likely to produce a good harvest." So then let us be diligent in sowing the seed.

And when the harvest time is fully come,
And the sheaves are gathered to the heavenly home;
The fruit of the seed which we have sown,
Will then be jewels to bedeck our crown.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BRADFORD DISTRICT											
Bradford		$10 00	$ 89 55	$ 2 50	$ 700 00	$ 95 80		1	$ 2500	1	$ 1800
Coudersport	$ 1 10	..	31 15	75	270 00	25 44	$ 1 50	1	1500	1	1500
Duke Center and Simpson	....	....	17 41	90	456 38	65 60	43 27	1	400	..	.....
Eldred	....	....	13 54	1 45	362 80	65 41	35 00	1	1200	1	1500
Emporium	2 25	8 23	27 62	1 50	516 92	65 80	63 30	1	2500	1	2300
Galeton	....	...	34 40	65	301 13	51 07	.....	1	1400	1	600
Keech, Borie and Seven Bridges	.....	.....	6 06	1 15	150 00	16 69	.....	2	3400	1	500
Lewis Run	.....	.....	32 80	1 25	364 71	60 00	.....	1	800	1	700
Liberty and Keating Summit	..	.....	.....	60	50 00	23 60	.....	..	.....	..	...
Port Allegany	1 44	1 65	29 15	1 95	500 00	65 41	7 34	1	1800	1	800
Ridgway and John Wesley church	.....	.....	41 31	2 55	713 89	95 00	34 88	2	4500	1	2800
Rixford	....	....	.....	15	80 63	11 21	25 93	1	600	..	
Tuna Creek and Bolivar Run	.....	....	20 36	1 90	378 00	63 30	12 50	2	2000	1	1000
Ulysses and Harrison Valley	....	....	18 51	1 60	376 00	74 46	5 00	1	1500	1	1200
Wolcott Brook and Smethport	.....	....	.....	60	13 00	14 49	.....	..	.....	..	..
West Eldred	.....	....	10 00	1 00	125 00	28 68	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Scattering	....	....	.....	.....	.....	67 71	.....	..	.....	..	.....
CLARION DISTRICT											
Kane, Highland and Lamont	..	..	30 00	1 35	902 07	107 76	45 00	1	1500	1	1000
Marienville, Byromtown, etc.	.....	....	5 45	70	252 50	44 63	15 89	3	2300	1	300
Piney	...	..	.....	20	.....	28 41	3 30	..	.....	..	.....
Shirey, Strattonville, Greenville	....	....	.....	40	267 86	52 18	2 23	2	2000	..	.....
Tylersburg and Scotch Hill	....	...	7 00	75	157 65	38 15	3 00	1	900	1	300
DU BOIS DISTRICT											
Brockwayville, Hallton and Egypt	.....	....	71 00	1 30	485 00	93 14	13 00	3	3400	1	300
Brookville and Lindsey	.....	....	.....	65	300 00	27 84	.....	1	1500	..	.....
Bellefonte	....	..	.....	1 00	300 00	57 90	12 00	..	.....	..	.....
Du Bois, Sabula and Falls Creek	.....	.....	143 00	1 30	442 45	77 58	20 00	3	4200	1	.....
Fleming and Tyrone	2 00	5 00	24 00	2 10	350 00	129 31	20 00	1	3500	..	.....
Mountain	.....	....	8 00	30	17 00	10 24	.....	1	1000	..	..
Penfield and Mt. Pleasant	.....	....	18 46	2 40	346 92	72 51	.....	1	1400	1	500
Phillipsburg and Gearhartville	.....	....	39 60	85	287 70	63 34	.....	1	1000	..	.....
MEADVILLE DISTRICT											
Blooming Valley	.....	....	4 34	50	46 89	25 51	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Centreville	.....	.....	3 00	1 55	175 00	43 00	.....	2	2000	..	.....
Erie and McKean	....	....	21 93	1 75	334 60	42 65	.....	1	3000	1	700
Meadville	....	.....	17 69	1 30	293 84	61 67	7 65	1	1500	..	.....
Union City, Wellmans, Mill Village	.....	...	.....	85	107 71	13 75	.....	1	1200	..	.....
Scattering	....	....	.....	...	.....	46 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT											
Arlington avenue, New Castle	....	.....	90 79	4 25	850 00	118 39	14 00	1	5000	1	2500
Bruin and Argentine	....	...	99 00	2 10	759 07	87 00	.....	2	4100	1	300
Bullion	.....	.....	50 00	.....	200 00	100 00	250 00	..	.....	..	.....
Coaltown	.....	1 46	34 48	2 50	408 33	75 00	.....	1	2500	..	..
Ellwood City	2 00	2 00	69 32	1 15	561 21	41 53	18 00	1	1300	1	1000
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel	2 35	10 00	25 00	1 75	400 00	40 07	....	2	3500	..	..
New Castle, Dewey avenue	2 31	.....	22 00	7 05	300 00	55 57	13 24	1	3000	..	.....
Sharon	....	.....	90 00	3 60	750 00	97 31	30 00	1	4800	1	1200
Sharpsville	.....	....	19 24	75	62 51	48 56	7 79	..	.....	..	.....
Scattering	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	62 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
OIL CITY DISTRICT											
Barnes, Saybrook and Clarendon	....		8 00	1 45	308 90	50 13	64 00	2	2500	..	....
Franklin		1 75	59 13	4 15	650 00	91 00	109 60	1	5000	1	4000
Mayburg and Kelletville	2 00	.....	30 52	95	333 25	50 28	30 25	3	3000	1	900
Oil City	....		69 56	2 70	637 80	100 02	.....	1	5000	1	2000
Pleasantville, Enterprise, Jamison	...	4 00	66 51	3 70	500 00	71 08	.....	4	4000	1	300
Siverly and Rouseville	.....	2 18	6 00	1 20	213 81	45 71	.....	2	2500	..	..
Titusville	2 00	....	26 00	2 00	461 00	58 00	13 46	1	5000	1	1500
Tidioute and Whig Hill	.....		34 19	2 10	369 34	50 75	13 00	4	4200	2	1500
Tionesta and Newmansville	.....	2 16	74 44	3 40	540 00	94 04	25 00	2	3000	1	800
Weaver, West Home and Coal Hill	....		57 41	1 65	371 70	64 95	.....	4	4800	1	600
Youngsville, Sugar Grove, etc	.....	3 15	49 85	4 10	529 68	101 55	.....	2	3500	..	.....
Total	$17 45	$53 65	$1736 79	$84 30	19522 19	$3326 17	$ 955 90	76	$ 120700	31	$34900

Tracts, $6.90.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

BRADFORD, CLARION AND DU BOIS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BRADFORD DISTRICT	A. J. Hill, District Elder																	
Bradford	A. T. Sager	55	5	60	..	1	1	12	50	10	$ 18 50	$ 9 00	$ 7 50	$ 7 50	$ 5 00	$ 2 50	.....	$ 60 00
Coudersport	J. K. Odell	17	1	18	..	..	1	4	60	3	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	75	$ 25 00	33 76
Duke Center and Simpson	G. S. Bryan	17	6	23	..	..	1	5	10	7	6 66	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	90	.....	16 15
Eldred	F. N. Fox	23	6	29	..	..	1	8	21	4	10 73	5 22	3 19	3 19	2 90	1 45	.. ....	27 62
Emporium	J. N. Bennett	29	1	30	1	..	1	6	40	9	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	1 50	.....	80 56
Galeton	Luella Newton, supply	19	7	26	..	1	1	8	45	7	4 81	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	65	.....	90 00
Keech, Borie and Seven Bridges	W. S. Newton	19	1	20	..	..	1	6	25	3	8 01	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	1 15	.....	.....
Lewis Run	F. E. Pond	27	3	30	..	1	1	7	51	5	9 27	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 25	29 00	.....
Liberty and Keating Summit	District Elder	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 44	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	60	.....	...
Port Allegany	F. W. McClelland	44	5	49	..	1	1	6	40	8	14 43	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	1 95	.....	53 51
Ridgway, and John Wesley church	R. A. Robertson	52	1	53	1	..	2	9	50	16	18 87	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	2 55	.....	83 40
Rixford	May B. Simon, supply	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	1 10	60	35	35	30	15	.....	.....
Tuna Creek and Bolivar Run	I. B. Hawks	35	2	37	1	..	1	7	25	4	14 05	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	1 90	.....	24 62
Ulysses and Harrison Valley	Gertrude Grimm, supply	30	11	41	..	1	1	7	32	5	11 84	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	1 60	.....	21 30
Wolcott Brook and Smethport	District Elder	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 44	2 18	1 80	1 80	1 20	60	.....	...
West Eldred	May B. Fox, supply	20	1	21	1	..	1	6	36	..	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	13 14
Scattering		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CLARION DISTRICT	J. J. Zahniser, Dist. Elder																	
Kane, Highland and Lamont	T. S. Slocum	38	12	50	2	..	2	12	70	6	9 99	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 35	.....	11 00
Marienville, Byrontown, Pleasant Grove and Kahletown	J. D. Shadle	17	5	22	..	..	1	7	24	3	5 18	5 22	2 10	2 10	1 40	70	.....	3 55
Piney	C. W. Mowry	4	...	4	1	1	..	...	...	4	1 48	72	60	60	40	20	.....	54 75
Shirey, Strattonville and Greenville	J. J. Ginader	14	2	16	1	..	..	..	..	4	2 69	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	40	.....	.....
Tylersburg and Scotch Hill	M. E. Wolcott	14	...	14	..	..	1	4	18	3	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	75	.....	.....
DU BOIS DISTRICT	J. J. Zahniser, Dist. Elder																	
Brockwayville Hallton and Egypt	E. L. Kiffer	26	2	28	1	1	3	14	70	5	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	.....	14 00
Brookville and Lindsey	R. F. Leight	16	...	16	..	..	..	..	...	3	4 80	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	65	.....	...
Bellefonte	J. K. Mumau	20	5	25	..	..	..	..	...	2	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....
DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek	J. C. Davidson	34	3	37	1	..	3	8	75	12	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	.....	36 00
Fleming and Tyrone	A. Smith	51	21	72	1	2	1	8	60	15	15 54	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	2 10	.....	62 00
Mountain	E. L. Kiffer, supply	6	..	6	..	..	..	4	25	1	2 22	1 08	90	90	60	30	.....	.....
penfield and Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Collins	44	8	52	1	2	1	7	63	3	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	2 40	.....	2 07
phillipsburg and Gearhartville	T. W. Murray	22	2	24	..	..	3	12	70	4	6 29	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	85	14 07	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

MEADVILLE, NEW CASTLE AND OIL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'e's & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MEADVILLE DISTRICT	M. B. Miller, District Elder																	
Blooming Valley	C. O. Copeland	10	3	13	..	..	1	8	35	3	$ 3 70	$ 1 80	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 50	...	$ 9 00
Centreville	G. S. Mitchell	28	..	28	..	..	1	5	16	5	11 47	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	1 55	.....	17 00
Erie and McKean	W. A. Quick	42	7	49	3	..	2	13	72	6	12 95	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	1 75	.....	49 67
Meadville	C. O. Copeland, supply	26	11	37	..	2	1	7	40	11	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	.....	122 30
Union City, Wellmans and Mill Village	H. D. Todd	17	3	20	..	1	..	....	....	2	6 29	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	85	.....	.....
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT	M. B. Miller, District Elder																	
Arlington avenue, New Castle	D. B. Tobey	100	15	115	3	3	1	15	100		31 45	15 30	9 35	9 35	8 50	4 25	11 00	128 89
Bruin and Argentine	C. E. Weaver	55	10	65	3	..	2	12	90	11	15 04	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	2 10	.....	2 00
Bullion	J. M. Critchlow	....	..	....	..	..	1	5	45	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Coultown	G. J. Kelley	51	14	65	..	..	1	10	60	9	18 50	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	2 50	.....	119 50
Ellwood City	H. W. Mitchell	27	8	35	1	..	1	7	60	4	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	1 15	.....	52 75
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel	W. Bryenton	29	5	34	..	..	2	13	80	6	12 95	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	1 75	.....	16 91
New Castle, Dewey avenue	J. F. Barkas	32	4	36	1	..	1	6	20	3	7 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	1 05	.....	90 00
Sharon	E. S. Zahniser	77	9	86	2	1	1	13	75	11	26 64	12 96	10 80	10 80	7 20	3 60	.....	162 77
Sharpsville	A. J. Beattie	13	..	13	..	..	1	6	30	3	4 07	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	75	.....	.....
OIL CITY DISTRICT	J. S. M'Geary, District Elder																	
Barnes, Saybrook and Clarendon	F. B. Schriner	27	2	29	..	..	2	10	40	11	10 73	8 12	4 35	4 35	2 90	1 45	.....	27 58
Franklin	A. H. M. Zahniser	87	10	97	1	1	1	9	59	22	31 71	14 94	12 45	12 45	8 30	4 15	.....	131 90
Mayburg and Kellettville	F. W. Parks	15	1	16	1	..	2	7	40	2	7 03	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	95	.....	.....
Oil City	District Elder	48	2	50	..	2	1	9	55	15	19 98	9 72	8 10	8 10	5 40	2 70	.....	74 70
Pleasantville, Enterprise and Jamison	E. L. Monroe	75	10	85	..	1	5	25	165	10	27 38	13 32	11 10	11 10	7 40	3 70	4 00	35 00
Siverly and Rouseville	Helen Critchlow, supply	24	3	27	..	1	1	6	37	1	8 88	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	1 20	.....	21 00
Titusville	W. J. Barkas	39	..	39	..	1	1	10	40	13	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	.....	60 00
Tidioute and Whig Hill	H. D. Call	43	1	44	1	1	3	14	75	7	16 54	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	2 10	.....	26 00
Tionesta and Newmansville	R. A. Zahniser	70	15	85	1	..	3	20	105	13	25 16	12 24	10 20	10 20	6 80	3 40	.....	67 73
Weaver, West Home and Coal Hill	J. Horner	38	18	56	..	..	5	21	134	7	12 21	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	1 65	14 65	22 66
Youngsville, Sugar Grove, Davey Hill	W. E. Smith, K. Smith, supply	80	6	86	..	3	4	25	115	10	30 34	14 76	12 30	12 30	8 20	4 10	27 13	80 00
Total		1759	268	2027	28	27	74	434	2658	333	$ 578 78	$ 307 14	$ 252 90	$ 252 90	$168 60	$ 84 30	$ 424 85	1993 21

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Burtrum, Minnesota, September 26-30, 1906

OFFICERS

A. L. WHITCOMB, *President.*
H. T. KROUSEY, *Secretary.* JESSE RANDALL, *Assistant Secretary.*
S. WAITE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—A. L. Whitcomb, F. P. Woodward, C. G. Chandler.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On State of the Work—F. P. Woodward, J. E. McKindley.
On Publications—S. C. LaDue, C. N. Thompson, R. W. Sipes.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. Waite, S. C. LaDue.
On Reforms—J. E. McKindley, J. G. Norris, C. N. Thompson.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. G. Norris.
On Education—S. C. LaDue, C. W. Johns, R. W. Sipes.
On Sunday-schools—R. W. Sipes, S. Waite, John Striet.
On Ministerial Relations—S. Waite, F. P. Woodward, A. M. Keniston.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. P. Woodward, for three years; J. G. Norris, for two years; S. Waite, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

S. Waite, J. G. Norris, A. M. Keniston, C. N. Thompson, R. W. Sipes.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Missions, (15 cents), Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund and Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' Salaries, Home Missions (15 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Emma Fisher; first vice-president, Mrs. Abbie Thompson; second vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Nicholis; recording secretary, Mrs. Jessie Krousey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mattie Waite; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Woodward.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

S. Waite, Motley, Minnesota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. P. Woodward,	S. Waite.	A. M. Keniston,	J. G. Norris,
H. T. Krousey,	A. S. Parks,	F. Stokes.	

DELEGATES

Jesse Randall,	J. E. McKindley,	R. W. Sipes.	S. C. LaDue,
C. N. Thompson,	John Striet,	Martha Crist,	C. W. Johns.

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. L. Whitcomb, F. P. Woodward, R. W. Sipes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? E. W. Winn.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? H. T. Krousey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? J. J. Compton.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. M. Keniston, J. G. Norris.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. Mitchell, F. O. Lewis, N. Welter.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $80.00.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $44.16.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Motley, Minnesota, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1907, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

Alexandria and Park Rapids Districts—F. P. Woodward, District Elder.

Alexandria, Hudson and Gordon.....H. T. Krousey, Alexandria, Minnesota
Burtrum, Lake Beauty and Huff.....C. G. Chandler, supply, Burtrum, "
South Haven.....To be supplied
Wrightstown, Wadena and Spruce Hill.....J. L. Hipple, supply, Wrightstown, Minnesota
Motley, Hartford and Moran.....S. Waite, Motley, "
Park Rapids and Osage.....A. S. Parks, Park Rapids, "
Fertile and Thief River.....Gertrude Black, supply, Esplee, "
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....E. W. Winn, Fort Ripley, "
Connell.....To be supplied

F. Stokes, left without appointment at his own request; A. M. Keniston, J. G. Norris, superannuated; F. O. Lewis, N. Welter, given certificates of standing with view to transfer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—Assessed and paid, $41.40.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $102.12.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $49.68.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $27.60.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $13.80.
Children's Fund.—$9.75.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—$44.16.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Mission Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTS.	F. P. Woodward, Dist. Elder																	
Alexandria and Hudson	H. T. Krousey	45	18	63	1	1	2	14	80	12	$ 15 91	$ 7 74	$ 6 45	$ 6 45	$ 4 30	$ 6 88	.....	$ 53 93
Burtrum, Lake Beauty and Huff	C. G. Chandler, supply	58	8	66	1	2	2	12	80	6	18 87	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	8 16	.....	11 65
Gordon, Spruce Hill and Osakis	C. Mitchell	37	...	37	1	..	1	6	40	5	13 69	6 66	4 55	4 55	3 70	5 92	.....	10 78
Motley and Thomastown	S. Waite	27	9	36	1	2	1	6	40	6	7 13	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	3 01	.....	13 00
Hartford and Moran	Supplied	20	9	29	..	..	2	8	50	6	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	4 87
Fertile and Thief River	Gertrude Black, supply	7	1	8	..	1	2	7	30	3	1 85	90	75	75	50	80	.....	4 10
Wrightstown and Wadena	J. L. Hipple, supply	14	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	3	4 81	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.....
Park Rapids and Shell Lake	J. L. Hipple, supply	13	2	15	2	..	..	..	..	3	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	.....
Holdingsford and Brockway	Supplied	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	3 06	1 44	1 23	1 35	90	1 13	.....	.....
Fort Ripley and Brainerd	E. W. Winn	27	2	29	..	..	..	..	..	4	15 97	7 47	.....	6 45	4 30	4 93	.....	16 00
South Haven and Big Lake	F. Stokes	14	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		271	50	321	6	6	10	53	320	49	$ 100 10	$ 48 33	$ 39 65	$ 39 65	$ 27 10	$ 43 05	.....	$114 33

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTS											
Alexandria and Hudson	....	$ 2 80	$ 39 17	$ 2 15	$ 375 00	$ 40 85	$ 17 75	2	$ 2500	1	1000
Burtrum, Lake Beauty and Huff	....	1 75	40 80	2 55	389 16	40 80	.....	2	1800	1	600
Gordon, Spruce Hill and Osakis	..	2 00	17 30	1 85	175 60	32 00	.....	2	1600	1	300
Motley and Thomastown	.....	2 00	16 00	95	408 16	32 00	7 00	1	900	1	500
Hartford and Moran	.....	3 28	24 42	75	.....	21 00	.....	2	2000	1	600
Fertile and Thief River	....	.....	5 00	25	50 00	26 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wrightstown and Wadena	....	....	.....	65	125 00	24 00	.....	1	50	1	250
Park Rapids and Shell Lake	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	1	250	1	450
Holdingsford and Brockway	...	....	.....	45	.....	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Ripley and Brainerd	....	....	.....	.....	329 22	33 75	11 52	1	600	1	700
South Haven and Big Lake	....	....	.....	.....	.....	3 60	.....	1	1000	1	500
Total	.....	$11 83	$ 142 69	$11 75	$1852 14	$ 260 00	$ 55 47	13	$ 10700	9	$ 4900

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-sixth Annual Session, held at Alton, New York, September 12-16, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.* M. H. KENDRICK, *Secretary.*
W. H. CLARK, G. L. SKINNER, J. H. GRAMPS, *Assistant Secretaries.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, H. W. Fish, F. S. Shaw, Elizabeth Burnes.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. S. Babcock.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—D. C. Stanton, H. W. Fish, O. M. Owen, T. Whiffen, C. A. Lowell.
On Education—W. H. Clark, H. L. Crockett, T. C. Givens, F. W. Cathey.
On Sunday-schools—W. J. Riker, C. H. Hudson, C. E. Christman, B. F. Durfee, George Storms, G. B. Lane.
On Publications—F. W. Cathey, J. S. Bradbrook, Warren Hames.
On State of the Work—H. L. Crockett, T. C. Givens, E. D. F. Holden, H. W. Fish, S. Hobbs, C. F. Mersereau.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. C. Stanton, C. H. Hudson, E. D. F. Holden, A. A. Slater.
On Memoirs—W. E. Sitzer, W. H. Clark, T. C. Givens, C. W. Hotaling.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, W. H. Clark, H. W. Fish, C. A. Lowell, E. D. F. Holden.
Conference Treasurer, to whom all conference collections should be sent—F. W. Cathey, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, New York.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. C. Givens, president; H. W. Fish, secretary; O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, C. W. Stevens.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. E. Sitzer, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, term expires 1907.
Z. Osborne, W. H. Clark, O. P. Ray, term expires 1908.
H. W. Fish, C. W. Stevens, George Milem, term expires 1909.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Crockett, term expires 1907; T. C. Givens, term expires 1908; G. L. Skinner, term expires 1909.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—J. S. Bradbrook. *On Education*—G. L. Skinner.
On Sunday-schools—C. E. Christman. *On Publications*—C. J. Hessler.
On State of the Work—T. C. Givens.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), and Church Extension Fund (10 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents) and Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (37 cents). All these claims to be sent to the conference treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Z. Osborne,	J. B. Stacy,	T. Whiffen,	O. M. Owen,
Levi Kelly,	J. D. Osmun,	L. S. King,	W. H. Clark,
A. Smith,	W. Crossman,	O. N. Frink,	D. C. Stanton,
W. J. Riker,	J. A. Tholens,	T. C. Givens,	F. J. Dunham,
O. S. Baker,	F. W. Cathey,	M. H. Kendrick,	W. E. Sitzer,
M. S. Babcock,	C. H. Hudson,	F. I. Labrum,	Perry Ball,
H. W. Fish,	J. E. Tiffany,	G. M. Dunham,	E. N. Jenks,
C. A. Balch,	G. S. Coons,	C. J. Hessler,	O. O. Burley,
H. L. Crockett,	B. J. Austin,	G. L. Skinner,	C. M. Sanford,
F. S. Shaw,	J. H. Gramps,	S. Ghent,	J. D. Jenkins,
H. E. Barnes,	G. D. Baker,	C. E. Christman,	J. C. Hessler,
J. G. Cole,	J. S. Bradbrook,	G. B. Lane.	

DELEGATES

George Storms,	A. A. Slater,	E. E. Pennock,	S. Hobbs.
C. A. Lowell.	Cornelia King,	C. F. Mersereau,	D. H. Parker,
Irena Lake,	E. D. F. Holden,	Charlotte Bolles,	L E. Rowley,
Warren Hames,	B. F. Durfee,	Samantha Caskey,	Minnie Hessler,
Jane Kenny,	Elizabeth Burns,	C. W. Hotaling,	S. P. MaCumber,
Mrs. Daniel Russel,	Libbie Dempster,	L. N. Wilson,	Lillie Senter,
Lottie Gustavison,	Jacob Longrod,	Mrs. George Ray,	Robert Joss.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, H. W. Fish, H. L Crockett, T. C. Givens, C. A. Lowell, L. E. Rowley, E. D. F. Holden.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. J. Hessler, C. E. Watson S. I. Foltz.

4. Who remain on trial? H. D. Brink, Burnard Russel, Arthur Santmier.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. B. Lane.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Lane, J. D. Jenkins, J. G. Cole, J. C. Hessler.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. E. Christman, H. E. Barnes, G. D. Baker.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? M. H. Kendrick, G. M. Dunham, B. J. Austin, C. M. Sanford, A. Santmier.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Z. Osborne, J. B. Stacy, Levi Kelly, O. N. Frink, W. Crossman, J. D. Osmun, L. S. King.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. S. Bradbrook, from the Genesee conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? H. A. Webster.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Gloversville, New York, beginning the second Tuesday in September, 1907, or as near that date as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-sixth annual session of the Susquehanna conference was one of harmony. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided. He addressed the conference at different times on various important subjects. These addresses were especially helpful to the preachers. Having but recently returned from his trip around the world his Sunday afternoon address at the W. F. M. S. public meeting was very inspiring, helpful and convincing. The report at this meeting showed a gain in the money raised over last year, being more than $1000.00.

The deficiency in the conference claims was fully met Sunday morning in a public collection.

A memorial service was held Friday evening in memory of our departed brother and co-laborer, H. A. Webster, who died at Charlotteville early in the conference year.

Rev. L. D. Perkins presented the interests of the Gerry Orphanage and Home and took a collection.

A collection and subscription was also taken for the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary.

A free-will offering amounting to about forty dollars was given to J. D. Jenkins toward reimbursing him for the loss by fire of his gospel tent.

APPOINTMENTS

Binghamton District—H. L. Crockett, District Elder, Cortland, New York.

Binghamton and Union	W. E. Sitzer, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
Ithaca	J. A. Tholens, Ithaca, " "
Cortland and Summer Hill	T. Whiffen, Cortland, " "
Norwich	C. H. Hudson, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, " "
Pleasant Valley	Supplied by M. H. Kendrick, Sherburne, " "
North Pharsalia	G. H. Getsinger, supply, North Pharsalia, " "

C. M. Sanford, A. Santmier, supernumerary; M. H. Kendrick, supernumerary, Sherburne, R. F. D. 3, New York; L. S. King, superannuated, Norwich, R. F. D., New York; J. D. Osmun, superannuated, Ithaca, New York.

Corning District—H. L. Crockett, District Elder

Corning	W. J. Riker, Corning, New York
Atlanta, Byersville and Burns	F. J. Hessler, Atlanta, " "
Lindley and Curtis	J. C. Hessler, Lindley, " "
Painter Run	C. A. Balch, Painter Run, Pennsylvania
East Caton, West Caton and Pettigrove	G. B. Lane, R. F. D. 2, Corning, New York
East Italy and West Italy	H. D. Brink, R. F. D., Branchport, " "
Sayre, Pennsylvania	To be suyplied
Penn Yan	To be supplied

Levi Kelly, superannuated, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

Syracuse District—H. W. Fish, District Elder. Weedsport, New York.

Syracuse and Pompey	J. S. Bradbrook, 952 South State street, Syracuse, New York
East Syracuse	J. G. Cole, R. F. D., East Syracuse, " "
Chittenango Station and Oneida	C. E. Ohristman, Chittenango Station, " "
Fulton	Fulton, " "
Weedsport and Port Byron	H. E. Barnes, Weedsport, " "
Watertown, Emeryville and California	F. I. Labrum, Watertown, " "

A. Smith, evangelist, Faith Tract House, 320 Midland avenue, Syracuse, New York; J. E. Tiffany, left without appointment, Delevan, New York; B. J. Austin, supernumerary, Syracuse, New York; O. N. Frink, superannuated, 1212 South State street, Syracuse, New York; Z. Osborne, superannuated, 206 Furman street. Syracuse, New York; E. N. Jenks, left without appointment, Syracuse, New York; H. W. Fish, member of the Syracuse district quarterly conference.

Clyde District—H. W. Fish, District Elder.

Rose and Clyde	G. L. Skinner, Rose, New York
Alton	C. J. Hessler, Alton, " "
East Williamson	J. D. Jenkins, East Williamson, " "
West Webster	C. E. Watson, West Webster, New York
Ontario	To be supplied
Fairport	To be supplied

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F. J. Dunham, evangelist, 837 Lake avenue, Rochester, New York; J. B. Stacy, superennuated, Alton, New York; W. Crossman, superannuated, 69 Sophia street, Rochester, New York.

Utica District—T. C. Givens, District Elder.

Utica.....D. C. Stanton, 35 Linwood place, Utica, New York
Rome..... F. W. Cathey, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, " "
Camden ..... M. S. Babcock, Camden, " "
Herkimer and Ilion ..... J. H. Gramps, Herkimer, " "
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....G. D. Baker, Lassellsville, " "

G. M. Dunham, supernumerary, Oneida, New York.

Saratoga District—T. C. Givens, District Elder.

Saratoga.....W. H. Clark, Saratoga, New York
Glens Falls.....O. S. Baker, Glens Falls, " "
Gloversville and Johnstown.....F. S. Shaw, Gloversville, " "
Corinth.....Florence H. Deyle, supply, Corinth, " "
Bolton, Warrensburg and South Horicon.....S. I. Foltz, Bolton, " "
Charlotteville, Jefferson and Titus Hill .....B. Russell, Charlotteville, " "
Troy.....To be supplied
Barnerville .....To be supplied

Perry Ball, left without appointment; T. C. Givens, member of Saratoga district quarterly conference.

Burlington District—T. C. Givens, District Elder.

Burlington, Waterville and Essex.....O. M. Owen, Burlington, Vermont
St. Armand Center, Hillside, North Stambridge and Swanton, Quebec.....
.....S. Ghent, St. Armand Center, Quebec
Clarenceville.....O. O. Burley, Clarenceville, "
St. Albans.....To be supplied
Clinton, Massachusetts.....E. H. Wyett, supply
Worcester, Massachusetts .....John Roberts, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS

*G. E. Ferrin.....Fairport, New York
P. VanDyke.....Binghamton, " "
L. E. Rowley..... .....Clyde, " "
Harvey Perkins.....Alton, " "
S. Bender .....Alton, " "
*S. M. Wilbur.....Alton, " "
*L. M. Orcutt.....Arkport, " "
A. B. Burdick..... Saratoga, " "
*C. W. Stevens .....189½ Circular street, Saratoga Springs, New York.
A. M. Craig..... Rome, New York,
O. F. Fero.....Evansville, Wisconsin
George Milem..... ....Rose, New York
*C. E. Beeman..... Union, " "
*William Sullivan..Binghamton, " "
Enos Aseltine.....Swanton, Vermont
O. P. Ray .....Burlington, "
*E. D. F. Holden.....Franklin, "
E. L. Eaton.....Cortland, New York
W. W. Bartholomew....Cortland, " "
O. I. Harole .....5 Hall place, Albany, New York.
*G. W. VanArsdale .....Mexico, New York
C. E. Hudson.....Greenville, Illinois

M. A. Parker.

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Laura White .....Natural Dam, New York.
Mrs. Rose Baker...Glens Falls, New York
Miss Beryl B Bishop... Saratoga Springs, New York.
Miss Florence Deyle...Corinth, New York
Mrs. Asenath Sullivan..Binghamton, New York.
Mrs. Emma Breeds.....Fulton, New York
Mrs. Laura Santmier, Sayre, Pennsylvania
Miss Mary E. Chynoweth....Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley....Clyde, New York
Mrs. Ella S. Clark...Saratoga Springs, New York.
Mrs. Janette Osmun.....Ithaca, New York
Mrs. L. B. Bishop.....31 Lafayette place, Burlington, Vermont.
Mrs. Mary Bentley...Broadalbin, New York
Alice E. Furman .....Rushville, " "

*Ordained.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportioned, $254.00.
Raised and paid. $244.93; deficit, $9.07.
The cash on hand was disbursed as follows: C. A. Balch, $25; W. J. Riker, $10; O. S. Baker, $10; O. M. Owen, $10; B. Russel, $10; Florence Deyle, $14.93; H. D. Brink, $10; J. C. Hessler, $10; J. G. Cole, $10; F. I. Labrum, $10. Total, $119.93.
The following appropriations were made for the coming year: Watertown, $40; Clinton, Massachusetts, $25; Worcester, Massachusetts, $25.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, $469.90.
Claims for the coming year: Z. Osborne, $150; J. B. Stacy, $90; Levi Kelley, $150; O. N. Frink, $150; W. Crossman, $100; L. S. King, $150; Thelma Curry, $75; Mary L. Clark, $80; Phebe Newton, $45; Mrs. D. Dempsey, $75; Ellen H. Webster, $70. Total, $1,135.00
GENERAL MISSIONS FUND.—Apportioned and paid, $190.50.
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Apportioned and paid, $127.00.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, $228.60.
PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and paid, $63.50.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—Paid, $27.67.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Paid, $9.02.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Paid, $125.50.
FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—Raised, $31.75.
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Raised, $203.20.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The desire for reading, which characterizes the present age, is a hopeful sign. Men are not satisfied to take a statement as the truth unless it can be substantiated by facts. There probably never was a time in the history of the world, when there was such a thirst for reading as at the present. It is nothing uncommon to see men, women and children crowding the libraries to secure reading matter. Literature is but the natural result of the power of speech; one of the most mighty forces in the world for good if directed in the channels of righteousness; or, if turned into the channels of evil, it may, and often does become a most prolific source of evil.

How much good the distribution of wholesome literature may accomplish can never be known. It works reformations by creating new thoughts and sentiments in those who read it.

But on the other hand how much good may be destroyed by one sinner. A thought spoken may fall to the ground, not having found a congenial soil in which to grow; but when that thought is put into literature it is ever seeking a lodging place in the minds of others, where it may sprout and bring forth a harvest. Notwithstanding the hopeful signs of the present, there are difficulties along the way which we must avoid, or we shall suffer irreparable loss.

There is no question but the reading public has already entered upon dangerous grounds, and we should be careful that we are not drawn into the same net. The present age is one of pleasure seeking. There is a perfect craze for the delights of social enjoyment, not only in the physical world but in the world of thought as well. Light and trashy literature is preferred to the solid and wholesome. The pleasures of the imagination are sought in the novels, and fictitious publications, which characterize a very large per cent. of the reading of the times.

Is it not high time that the religious world sound the alarm and call back such demoralizing thoughts to the path of truth and safety? The literature of a denomination is a great factor in the building of its character. It is but the budding and blossoming of the thoughts, which fill the mind, and "As a man thinketh so he is." How important then that the publications of any church be edited by men able to put into them the noblest and highest thoughts of the church.

While the publishing interests of our church are not as extended as some, and not as much so as we would desire, yet we are very much pleased with the character of our publications.

Let us call attention to some of our publications:

The one which should, and does stand in the forefront of every church, is its church organ. It should set forth the principles and doctrines of the church, and give no uncertain sound. It should possess a high moral, as well as literary tone. If either must be sacrificed let us hold to the moral or spiritual.

The *Free Methodist* stands first in the publications of the church. We are glad for the degree of success it is having, but it is not even yet what it might be, if all of our people

would take the interest in it they should. It should be in every Free Methodist home, and as we think the truths therein stated are what the world is in need of, we should make a greater effort to put it into the homes of others. Every member of the Free Methodist church should use his influence to increase the circulation of the paper. And every preacher especially, should feel under obligation to enlarge its circulation by being active in securing new subscribers.

We are pleased with the temporal prosperity enjoyed by the paper since it was put on a cash basis.

The *Missionary Tidings* is a welcome visitor in the homes of many of our people, but it should have a much larger circulation, as it occupies an important place in the advancing movement in missionary effort.

Then our Sabbath school literature has a very important place in our publications. The reading matter for the children and youth has largely to do with their future life. It goes a great way in forming the character of after years. We believe the papers published by our denomination are second to none. They are clean, wholesome and instructive. We bespeak for them a much wider circulation.

We are not ashamed of the books put out by our publishing house. Such books as the "Life of Redfield," the "Life of T. S. LaDue, the "Life of G. Harry Agnew, " "Hymns that Are Immortal," and others, reflect credit upon their authors.

We are sorry to know that there is a seeming tendency in places among us, to supplant the use of the "Metrical Hymn Book," with other books. Let us hold to the use of our hymn book in the regular public services.

We are glad the church has published a song book for use in the Sabbath-schools, and social meetings; and we would urge upon our pastors and people in general the use of the "Light and Life Songs."

We would commend the action of the publishing house in securing the plates for such books as "Wood's Perfect Love" and similar works out of print, and would suggest that the distribution of such publications would be a means of great good.

We are anxiously looking for the coming of a history of our own church, and would be delighted if some of our mighty men of God would publish a few volumes, at least, of their sermons that we who have not the privilege of listening to them regularly could enjoy and profit by them.

We are glad to note that the church has published a "Church Record" and we would advise every pastor to use his influence to place it in every society.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Herbert Spencer says that, "To prepare for complete living is the purpose of all true education." Complete living contemplates both means and measure. It must include all the agencies and embrace all the possibilities of life, and combine them into the most perfect and symmetrical mode of existence which the capacity and environment of the individual makes possible.

In a report on education adopted by this conference in the year 1871, appears the following statement. "Full and complete education is the harmonious development and cultivation of the whole being for the glory of God." To the same end is St. Paul's expressed Christian ideal, "perfect man;" which he declares is the purpose of all gospel provisions, agencies and orders of ministry.

Christianity and culture then are in perfect accord, and rightly understood supplement each other, each attaining its best by means of the originally designed union. Culture unregulated by the principles of reverence and righteousness fundamental to the gospel, must be radically defective, in that it fails to provide for the best part of the individual, or to afford the essential basis for the direction of conduct. On the other hand ignorant Christianity must also be defective, since it must fail to afford the full measure of personal enrichment which is designed, or the knowledge requisite for its most complete and consistent expression for the good of others.

The demand for what may distinctively be called Christian education increases rather than lessens. Morally infected atmospheres pervade nearly if not quite all the higher institutions which the country affords, and subtle elements of skepticism are insidiously interwoven with much of the instruction there imparted; and which becomes all the more dangerous by means of the elevated and æsthetic surroundings, as well as the beauty of diction with which the doubt is suggested rather than stated, and the distant but distinct arguments which the student mind finds it difficult to banish, and bewildering to meet.

Increasingly apparent becomes the almost imperative necessity of diligently sustaining our denominational institutions of learning by providing students, especially our own children and young people, and of providing as far and fast as possible the best facilities for the accomplishment of their work. The statement made recently by one who, reared a Free Methodist and educated mainly in our own schools, but who completed his studies in an institution of another denomination, is worthy of serious consideration. He said, "If the Free Methodist church wishes to hold her young people to her communion, she should educate them in her own schools." These schools should combine up to date methods

and means of instruction, and the fullest and strongest influences which make for the enforcement of the principles we advocate, and the supremacy of those principles in the lives of the students. If the latter is wanting, the institution is a failure so far as strengthening the work of the church is concerned, and the more emphatically so from the fact that with existing limitations the outfitting in other directions cannot compete with older and richer institutions.

Vigilance is constantly needed to preserve the spiritual efficiency of these schools while advancing that of their educational departments, and winning outside recognition. We need to guard against customs popular but perilous, which seem to be inwrought with the very life of such institutions in our day, and which many of the best educators are deploring, but seem thus far powerless to prevent.

We cannot but regard with great apprehension the introduction of a spirit of athletic rivalry with kindred institutions, and the engaging of students in public contests of such character. Many things which innocent and even helpful when merely individual or local, may become fraught with immeasurable peril when assuming a character of publicity.

Athletic clubs, and base and football teams may have a useful place in the paraphernalia of a school or seminary, and may be innocent and even helpful when confined to individual institutions and used as a means of physical development, health and recreation; but we regard the engaging of such teams in public contests with those of other institutions as necessarily embracing associations and influences which cannot be otherwise than dangerous, and tending unavoidably to foster a spirit adverse to the best piety and intellectual strength. We regret that such contests have taken place under such conditions, and must register our earnest protest against such practises in institutions connected with the Free Methodist church, and which appeal to said church for support in students or funds.

We recognize the excellence of the work done by our schools generally along both educational and spiritual lines, and in this find occasion for encouragement and congratulation. The diligent, self-denying efforts of the instructors in the same deserve our most sincere appreciation and respect.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

SARATOGA, BURLINGTON AND UTICA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SARATOGA DISTRICT	T. C. Givens, District Elder																	
Saratoga Springs	W. H. Clark	63	3	66	1	1	1	6	50	6	$ 22 20	$ 10 80	$ 12 00	$ 9 00	$ 6 00	$ 9 60	.....	$ 35 00
Glens Falls	W. E. Sitzer	32	..	32	1	..	1	5	45	5	13 32	6 48	7 20	5 40	5 60	5 76	$ 13 46	.....
Corinth	Supplied	20	..	20	..	..	1	4	15	3	3 97	2 52	2 80	2 50	1 40	2 24	2 00	.....
Bolton, Warrensburg, South Horicon	J. G. Cole	29	2	31	..	..	2	7	56	6	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
Gloversville and Johnstown	O. S. Baker	34	3	37	..	2	2	10	45	6	11 10	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	15 00
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill	H. A. Webster	18	6	24	..	..	..	.....	.....	4	4 89	4 32	3 96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnerville	Supplied	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	....	2	2 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy	Supplied	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	T. C. Givens, District Elder																	
Burlington, Essex, Waterville, Vt.	C. J. Hessler	28	6	34	1	1	2	6	28	12	10 30	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	58 62
St. Albans, Vt., St. Armand Center Quebec	O. O. Burley	22	3	25	1	..	3	9	45	5	7 40	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	3 90	5 00	.....
Clarenceville, Quebec	S. Ghent	20	3	23	..	..	1	4	24	3	7 70	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	3 36	3 88	.....
Clinton, Mass	Supplied	11	4	15	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
UTICA DISTRICT	T. C. Givens, District Elder																	
Utica	D. C. Stanton	37	5	42	..	..	1	5	25	7	15 54	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	6 72	8 25	28 00
Camden	M. S. Babcock	38	14	52	..	..	1	8	33	6	14 43	7 02	7 80	5 85	3 90	6 24	.....	84 27
Rome	G. S. Coons	65	1	66	2	..	1	7	64	7	20 35	9 90	8 70	8 25	1 00	8 80	13 30	.....
Herkimer and Ilion	J. H. Gramps	45	3	48	2	1	1	7	60	3	17 02	8 28	9 20	6 90	4 60	7 36	16 64	28 30
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite	George D. Baker	29	6	35	..	..	2	10	45	1	10 36	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	4 48	2 00	6 00

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BINGHAMTON, CORNING, SYRACUSE AND CLYDE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT	H. L. Crockett, Dist. Elder																	
Binghamton and Union	F. W. Cathey	63	6	69	4	2	1	12	62	21	$ 22 57	$ 10 98	$ 12 20	$ 9 15	$ 6 10	$ 9 76	.....	$124 89
Ithaca	J. A. Tholens	21	..	21	..	1	1	4	9	5	8 88	4 32	3 00	3 00	1 00	3 17	.....	32 85
Cortland and Summer Hill	T. Whiffen	72	10	82	2	1	1	11	88	10	24 79	12 06	13 40	10 05	6 70	10 72	$ 42 00	204 90
Norwich	C. H. Hedson	38	1	39	..	..	1	7	30	12	14 06	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	6 08	.....	48 41
North Pharsalia	Supplied	6	1	7	1	..	1	5	15	....	1 85	90	60	75	50	..	.....	.....
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley	M. H. Kendrick	10	...	10	..	..	1	6	23	5	3 70	1 80	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	.....
CORNING DISTRICT	H. L. Crockett, Dist. Elder																	
Corning	Supplied	37	2	39	..	..	1	7	41	2	12 32	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	5 92	20 75	80 24
Atlanta, Danville and Burns	Fred J. Hessler	21	3	24	..	..	1	5	8	6	5 92	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	2 56	2 56	2 10
Lindley and Curtis	H. D. Brink	20	1	21	..	..	1	5	15	2	8 88	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	3 84	2 50	.....
Painter Run	Bernard Russell	31	1	32	..	..	1	6	23	5	7 98	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	5 00	.....	.....
West Caton, East Caton, Pettigrove	G. B. Lane	39	5	44	..	..	3	20	95	4	9 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	.....	.....
East Italy and West Italy	J. C. Hessler	25	...	25	1	1	1	5	15	5	8 84	5 76	6 40	3 02	3 20	4 00	3 36	7 78
Sayre, Pennsylvania	Supplied	3	...	3	..	1		....	....	1	1 11	54	60	45	30	48	.....	.....
SYRACUSE DISTRICT	H. W. Fish, District Elder																	
Syracuse	J. S. Bradbrook	60	23	83	..	..	2	14	57	6	18 13	8 82	9 80	7 35	4 90	7 84	.....	81 78
Fulton	W. J. Riker	36	4	40	..	1	1	10	50	7	14 17	7 38	7 20	4 15	2 10	6 56	.....	31 00
Chittenango Station and Oneida	C. E. Christman	41	12	53	..	..	1	10	60	5	12 95	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	38 14
East Syracuse	C. A. Balch	21	1	22	..	..	1	9	45	4	7 03	3 42	3 80	2 85	1 90	3 04	5 00	20 44
Weedsport and Port Byron	H. E. Barnes	32	5	37	..	..	2	8	30	4	11 84	5 76	6 40	3 00	2 63	5 12	.....	.....
Watertown and Emeryville	F. I. Labrum	27	11	38	..	1	1	7	14	5	11 48	5 56	6 40	4 80	3 20	5 12	.....	1 25
CLYDE DISTRICT	H. W. Fish, District Elder																	
Rose and Clyde	G. L. Skinner	53	17	70	2	..	1	6	32	11	14 80	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	30 00	20 00
Alton	F. S. Shaw	62	9	71	2	..	1	16	68	5	22 62	9 70	13 60	10 20	6 80	10 88	.....	20 41
East Williamson	B. J. Austin	41	1	42	1	..	1	13	64	10	13 17	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	6 56	.....	38 00
Ontario, West Webster, Fairport	J. D. Jenkins	38	2	40	..	..	2	13	70	7	16 28	7 92	7 87	6 60	3 70	7 08	.....	29 75
Total		1301	174	1475	21	13	46	287	1451	220	$ 443 52	$ 224 78	$ 245 53	$ 180 22	$116 83	$195 95	$ 173 60	1037 13

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SARATOGA DISTRICT											
Saratoga Springs	.....	$ 2 50	$ 34 99	$ 3 00	$ 630 00	$ 81 00	.....	1	$ 7200	1	$ 1200
Glens Falls	.....	.....	20 15	....	490 00	49 07	.....	1	1500	1	1600
Corinth	.....	.....	5 50	70	.....	22 26	.....	1	2000	..	.....
Bolton, Warrensburg, S. Horicon	.....	.....	.....	1 40	428 00	32 00	.....	1	1000	1	1000
Gloversville and Johnstown	....	61	35 84	1 50	548 85	41 00	$ 10 00	1	2800	..	.....
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill	....	....	.....	....	70 00	30 75	.....	3	3000	1	1000
Barnerville	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	4 56	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Troy	....	.....	.....	....	.....	7 17	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, Essex, Waterville, Vt.	50	50	26 35	1 40	485 64	68 90	.....	.	.....	..	.....
St. Albans, Vt., St. Armand Center, Quebec	....	.....	10 00	1 00	395 00	50 00	.....	..	....	1	600
Clarenceville, Quebec	....	.....	6 31	1 05	307 24	20 58	19 13	1	800	1	1000
Clinton, Mass	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
UTICA DISTRICT											
Utica	.....	90	19 41	2 10	600 00	57 12	.....	1	13500	1	3000
Camden	.....	2 10	47 66	1 95	513 96	53 65	2 00	1	3000	1	2200
Rome	....	.....	22 66		600 00	75 00	.....	1	4000	1	4000
Herkimer and Ilion	....	50	36 12	2 30	555 00	65 00	2 35	2	5000	1	3300
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite	....	.....	15 00	1 40	275 00	38 00	.....	2	1500	1	125
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT											
Binghamton and Union	.....	5 00	48 93	3 05	716 00	92 61	2 45	2	4300	1	3500
Ithaca	....	.....	8 42	1 20	525 12	30 10	.....	1	2000	1	3000
Cortland and Summer Hill	...	3 46	63 37	3 35	650 89	101 37	28 65	1	3400	1	1200
Norwich	4 00	2 00	41 76	1 90	536 85	57 76	.....	1	1500	1	1500
North Pharsalia	....	.....	5 62	.....	126 83	9 44	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley	....	2 50	12 00	50	105 00	24 19	.....	2	1100	1	600
CORNING DISTRICT											
Corning	....	.....	16 29	70	193 66	67 43	.....	1	2500	1	3000
Atlanta, Danville and Burns	5 00	....	9 42	80	231 85	47 80	.....	2	2300	1	1000
Lindley and Curtis	.....	.....	.....	1 20	254 45	34 48	12 33	2	2000	1	400
Painter Run	.....	.....	.....	1 75	309 00	25 61	4 55	1	600	1	800
W. Caton, E. Caton, Pettigrove	.....	.....	16 08	....	361 25	58 05	.....	1	1000	1	1000
East Italy and West Italy	.....	.....	3 50	1 45	149 51	28 01	.....	2	2000	..	.....
Sayre, Pennsylvania	....	....	.....	15	.....	10 27	.....	..	.....	..	.....
SYRACUSE DISTRICT											
Syracuse	2 70	.....	44 09	2 45	550 00	79 86	60 00	2	4500	..	.....
Fulton	75	1 11	48 91		500 00	62 62	39 58	1	1100	1	1300
Chittenango Station and Oneida	.....	.....	22 05	1 75	408 53	59 21	15 11	2	2500	1	800
East Syracuse	50	85	22 13	95	336 22	34 70	35 32	1	1000	1	800
Weedsport and Port Byron	.....	.....	8 00	1 60	371 30	36 05	20 00	2	2300	..	.....
Watertown and Emeryville	.....	.....	17 08	....	585 00	56 45	63 16	3	5500	1	5000
CLYDE DISTRICT											
Rose and Clyde	....	.....	13 50	2 00	530 00	68 32	.....	2	2500	1	1500
Alton	...	1 54	39 27	3 40	584 50	95 69	3 92	1	3000	1	900
East Williamson	1 00	1 00	21 27	2 05	400 00	70 32	16 63	1	2500	1	1500
Ontario, West Webster, Fairport	.....	....	44 37	2 20	280 47	57 66	.....	3	2400	2	1600
Total	$14 45	$24 57	$ 786 07	$50 25	14608 12	$1904 06	$ 235 18	51	$ 96300	30	$48425

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held at South Bend, Indiana, September 26-29, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*
ROBERT H. CLARK, *Secretary.* WILSON T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary.*
T. JOHN RUSSELL, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. T. Loring, C. W. Wade, B. R. Parks.
On Publishing the Minutes—R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring.
On Education—J. M. Jolly, E. F. Russell, Bertha Rhinebolt.
On Publications—C. W. Wade, J. Cryer, S. H. Matthews.
On Reforms—J. B. Robinette, H. C. Ingersoll, A. H. Garrison.
On Sunday-schools—S. L. Wass, J. Gallimore, Rosa T. Clark.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—The stationing committee.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Ministerial Relations—H. C. Ingersoll, J. B. Robinette, S. H. Matthews, S. L. Wass, J. Cryer.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. H. Matthews.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. M. Jolly, S. H. Matthews, E. Boze.
To Solicit Subscriptions for the General Conference Daily—J. B. Robinette.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. C. Ingersoll, for one year; W. T. Loring, for two years; J. B. Robinette, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. C. Ingersoll, president; W. T. Loring, secretary; C. W. Wade, J. Cryer, E. F. Russell.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. T. Loring, president; R. H. Clark, secretary.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and special collection for Sisters Gitchell and Reynolds; second quarter, Church Extension and Home Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rosa T. Clark, president, 807 Roache avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Carolyn W. Gates, corresponding secretary, Mishawaka, Indiana; Mrs. Alice Parks, recording secretary, 1311 South Rush street, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Orpha E. McDuffie, treasurer, 517 West Grove street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. T. Loring. *On Publications*—R. H. Clark.
On Sunday-schools—T. J. Russell. *On Reforms*—D. D. Marston.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. H. Clark,	W. T. Loring,	S. H. Matthews,	T. J. Loring,
J. E. Kemp,	J. B. Robinette,	A. F. Godwin,	C. W. Wade,
H. L. Smith,	H. C. Ingersoll,	J. M. Jolly,	R. Callison,
D. D. Marston,	H. E. Woodard,	T. J. Russell,	P. E. Morgan.

DELEGATES

Ella Stevenson,	Fred Knuth,	S. L. Wass,	Rosa T. Clark,
Mattie Nicholson,	John Gallimore,	H. F. Kuhl,	Josephine Newton,
E. L. Matthews,	E. F. Russell,	M. T. Hepner,	Susan Outerson,
Bertha Rhinebolt,	Joseph Cryer,	Edward Boze,	Lavina Vore,
A. H. Garrison.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, W. T. Loring, C. W. Wade, M. T. Hepner, S. L. Wass.

3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

4. Who remain on trial? G. H. Scofield, J. A. Vore, W. Archer, B. R. Parks, M. Williams, E. Mellott, C. S. Huston, J. D. Reynolds.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. E. Woodard, T. J. Russell, P. E. Morgan.

6. Who are the deacons? H. E. Woodard, T. J. Russell, P. E. Morgan, of the first class; J. M. Jolly, of the second class.

8. Who have located this year? L. H. Morrison.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. F. Godwin, J. E. Kemp.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

16-20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, $60; Nancy Reynolds, $35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Fort Wayne, Indiana, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1907, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first annual session of the conference was held in our new church at South Bend, Indiana, September 26-29, 1906. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided. There were five sittings of the conference, which were characterized by the manifestations of the power of God.

Brother Hogue's addresses to the conference on "Aspects of Ministerial Service," were timely and to the point. His sermons were in the demonstration of the Spirit, and will not soon be forgotten by those that heard them.

Revs. J. B. Lutz of the Wabash conference, P. E. Vincent of the Michigan conference, F. S. Parks, a local deacon of the East Michigan conference, M. H. Appleby and S. Beck, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and S. Snyder of the United Brethren church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

Brother Hogue preached four times; J. B. Lutz twice; and P. E. Vincent, C. S. Huston and F. S. Parks, once each.

Money raised at conference was as follows: For the secretaries and treasurer, $7.40; for the pastor, $17.06; for deficiency in conference collections, $50.41; for debt on the church, $152; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, cash, $22.56, subscriptions, $148.

The treasurer of the W. F. M. S. reports a total of $316.12 raised in cash during the year, and the circuits raised $82.67 for foreign missions, making an average of 84⅛ cents per member.

APPOINTMENTS

Knox District—W. T. Loring, District Elder, 703 East Pennsylvania Avenue, South Bend, Indiana.

Knox and Toto.....T. J. Russell, Knox, Indiana
Medaryville.....J. A. J. Tannehill, supply, Knox, "
Crown Point.....To be supplied
Springville, Bunker Hill, etc. .....Ellis Mellott, R. R. 1, LaPorte, Indiana
South Bend..B. R. Parks; Alice Parks, supply, 1311 South Rush street, South Bend, "
River Park.....William Archer, River Park, "
Mishawaka.....C. S. Huston, 714 Chestnut street, Mishawaka, "
Elkhart and Granger.....J. A. Vore, 111 Princeton street, Elkhart, "

H. L. Smith, left without appointment to teach in Wessington Springs Seminary, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; J. E. Kemp, superannuated without claim, Elkhart, Indiana; H. E. Woodard, conference evangelist, Three Oaks, Michigan; Monroe Williams, conference evangelist, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Fort Wayne District—C. W. Wade, District Elder, 714 Chestnut Street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Fort Wayne .....H. C. Ingersoll, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Fort Wayne Mission.....To be supplied
Columbia City and Lorane..P. E. Morgan; Nellie Morgan, supply, Columbia City, Indiana
Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove .....S. H. Matthews, R. R. 6, Columbia City, "
Fremont.....T. J. Loring, Fremont, "
Bluffton.....J. D. Reynolds, Bluffton, "

C. W. Wade, member of Fort Wayne district quarterly conference; J. B. Robinette, left without appointment at his request, because of broken health, Columbia City, Indiana; R. Callison, left without appointment, Claypool, Indiana.

Union City District—C. W. Wade, District Elder.

Union City.....J. M. Jolly, 207 North Walnut street, Union City, Indiana
Upland, College and Maple Corners.....D. D. Marston, Upland, "
Muncie, Redkey and DeSoto.....F. S. Parks, supply, DeSoto, "
Indianapolis .....
.....R. H. Clark: Rosa T. Clark, supply, 807 Roache avenue, Indianapolis, "

A. F. Godwin, superannuated, Centerville, Indiana; G. H. Scofield, missionary to China.

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. A. J. Tannehill.....Knox, Indiana
J. Vandecar.....Knox, "
Calita Preston ..... LaPorte, "
W. G. Curwin..... Fremont, "
Joseph Harter..... 628 West Main street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Edward J. Bean.....229 Brick avenue, South Bend, Indiana.
O. W. High .....Upland, Indiana
Daniel Fall.....Union City, "
Edward Boze.....Union City. "
A. D. Harrison..... Fort Wayne, "
A. W. Irelan.....1207 Thayer street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
F. S. Parks..... DeSoto, Indiana

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Rosa Robinette..... Columbia City, Indiana.
Miss Ollie Judy..... Union City, Indiana
Mrs. M. A. Gitchell.....729 East Wenger street, South Bend, Indiana.
Mrs. Lavina Vore.....111 Princeton street, Elkhart, Indiana.
Mrs. Christina Warren..Union City, Indiana
Mrs. Adaline Matthews.....Spring Arbor, Michigan.
Mrs. Nellie P. Morgan....Columbia City, Indiana

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $175.38.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $85.32.
General Missions Fund.—Assessed and paid, $71.10.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $75.84.
Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $47.40.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $23.70.
Home Missions.—Assessed, $71.10.
Paid, $69.12; deficit, $1.98.
To Publish the Minutes.—$16.00.
Children's Fund.—$14.51.
Educational Fund.—$2.15.
Collection for Sisters Gitchell and Reynolds.—$24.95.

II.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Knox District, including camp-meeting.—$208.43.
Fort Wayne District.—$49.90.
Union City District.—$35.12.
Conference Collection.—$22.56.
Total, $316.01.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools submit the following report for your kindly consideration, and hope that in it we may all find something that will nerve us to greater diligence, and a more earnest desire to see the Sunday-school built up and its borders enlarged so as to embrace not only the members of our own families, but all the families of those that do not attend the Sabbath-school. We believe the Sabbath-school to be indispensable to a well organized church.

1. Because in the word of God we read that we are to "train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." You might ask, "From what?" We answer, from the way of truth and righteousness. In other words, God commanded Israel in regard to the instruction of their children in his commandments and statutes, and said, "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." This is just as binding on us to-day, as it was on the children of Israel. With this admonition from the word of God, we ought to put forth a greater effort to get the children into the Sabbath-school, so that they may be taught the truth of God, so it will become a lamp to their feet, and a guide to their pathway, and be a wall of fire about them, and keep them from the sinful allurements of this life.

2. We believe, as the nursery is to the home, so the Sabbath-school should be to the church. The parent places the child in the nursery to acquaint it early in life in the knowledge of things pertaining to this life. The church gathers the children into the Sabbath-school to instruct them in the way of the commandments and eternal life.

3. We also believe that our church as a whole ought to be more aggressive in our Sabbath-school work: First, by sending their children, and second, by themselves attending. How few of our children are converted and taken into the church from the Sabbath-school. This may not apply to all Sabbath-schools, but it is applicable to some schools that we have seen. We believe the Sabbath-school is not only a means of grace for the young, the middle-aged and the aged, but to the man that preaches the gospel, as it brings him in touch with the children, and his exposition of the Scriptures to them will better enable him to reach the older ones.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

The Bible says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," also, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Education does not depreciate the Holy Ghost as some do vainly talk, but better qualifies us for any position, especially for the ministry. We deplore the fact that education has been so abused in the past, but we are rejoiced to see our people taking greater interest in educating their children.

While we do not depreciate the labors of our brethren who have not had the opportunities of an education, but have labored so successfully among us in the past, we do feel that a better educated ministry is greatly needed, if we continue to meet the demands of God and an enlightened people.

There are those that say that education will puff up, it will make us vain; therefore, it

is dangerous. True, it may thus affect some, but not those who are sanctified. But while education may have slain its thousands, ignorance has slain its tens of thousands.

If we would become more useful in the work of the Lord, we must become more proficient in knowledge. Solomon said, "Wisdom is the principal thing, and with thy getting get understanding also."

Ralston defines education as implying the development and culture of our physical, intellectual and moral powers. While all these have been sadly neglected no doubt, yet the intellectual has been most abased. God has given us these powers, and demands of us their greatest development and use for himself; and parents who wilfully neglect to give their children the very best education possible, are no doubt guilty before God. The religious training of Timothy traced back to his mother Eunice, then to his grandmother Lois, showing that his education and building of character began years before he was born.

We would not wish to be understood as sectarian in our views, but would urge our people to consider carefully where they send their children for their instruction, lest their minds be poisoned with skepticism and unbelief. We therefore recommend our own schools and Greenville College with their high standards of morals and spiritual attainments as being safe to intrust with the care of our children.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
KNOX DISTRICT											
Knox and To To	$ 2 15	$ 2 68	$ 55 53	$ 80	$ 558 20	$ 73 87	$ 25 85	2	$ 2500	1	$ 700
Crown Point and Ross	....	48	21 24	85	300 00	53 29	20 85	1	1200	1	600
Springville, Bunker Hill, Organ	68	5 30	32 72	3 00	523 63	77 96	47 31	2	1800	1	600
South Bend	.....	1 45	31 05	2 20	500 00	62 84	.....	1	4000	1	2000
River Park	.....	.....	20 00	1 00	73 80	47 25	.....	1	600	..	.....
Mishawaka and Granger	.....	1 20	59 25	1 70	301 74	55 49	15 57	2	5200	..	.....
Elkhart	.....	.....	3 78	46	204 00	31 85	8 60	1	500	1	800
Medaryville	1 12	.....	20 38	1 00	131 72	35 20	7 65	1	1800	..	.....
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT											
Fort Wayne	2 60	4 13	56 20	2 25	543 94	66 49	23 25	1	2000	1	600
Fort Wayne Mission	.....	.....	4 25	....	316 78	2 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Columbia City and Lorane	.....	.....	30 00	1 10	155 00	46 79	.....	2	1600	..	.....
Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove	.....	....	15 00	1 55	320 24	48 00	.....	2	1500	1	1000
Fremont	.....	.....	4 92	....	108 96	15 05	21 90	1	300	1	300
Bluffton	.....	65	18 54	60	172 47	22 08	.....	..	.....	..	.....
UNION CITY DISTRICT											
Union City	.....	72	19 13	65	267 15	25 30	.....	1	1700	1	500
Muncie, Redkey and De Soto	.....	....	32 01	1 00	248 60	42 00	52 20	1	800	1	500
Upland	.....	.....	19 43	.....	135 00	25 00	....	1	1200	..	.....
College and Maple Corners	.....	.....	20 00	.....	58 42	25 00	22 30	2	2000	..	.....
Indianapolis	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 6 45	$16 61	$ 463 43	$20 16	$4919 65	$ 775 46	$ 245 38	22	$ 28700	11	$ 7600

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
KNOX DISTRICT	W. T. Loring, District Elder																	
Knox and To To	T. J. Russell	71	9	80	1	..	2	20	80	7	$ 20 72	$ 10 08	$ 8 40	$ 8 40	$ 5 60	$ 8 96	.....	$ 32 70
Crown Point and Ross	H. E. Woodard	23	2	25	..	1	1	7	26	4	6 29	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	2 72	$ 15 00	11 60
Springville, Bunker Hill and Organ	C. S. Huston	51	7	58	1	..	2	17	81	11	22 20	10 80	9 00	9 00	6 00	9 60	10 00	33 13
South Bend	B. R. Parks	44	15	59	..	1	1	10	50	6	16 98	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	7 04	25 26	21 26
River Park	E. Bean, supply	23	...	23	1	..	1	7	22	5	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	4 01	.....
Mishawaka and Granger	E. Mellott	35	5	40	..	1	2	19	67	5	12 58	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	5 41	.....	37 05
Elkhart	William Archer	13	2	15	..	..	....	....	...	2	3 00	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 56	10 60	.....
Medaryville	J. A. J. Tannehill	24	3	27	2	..	1	7	31	6	7 40	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	.....	11 25
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT	C. W. Wade, District Elder																	
Fort Wayne	H. C. Ingersoll	53	3	56	2	1	1	10	80	11	16 65	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50	7 20	12 80	26 07
Fort Wayne Mission	T. J. Loring, Supt	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Columbia City and Lorane	J. B. Robinette, supply	22	..	22	2	1	2	15	50	5	8 14	3 96	2 50	2 07	2 20	3 52	.....	.....
Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove	J. D. Reynolds	28	3	31	2	1	..	8	30	2	11 47	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	4 96	.....	.....
Fremont	S. H. Matthews	4	1	5	1	..	1	6	14	2	3 33	1 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bluffton	J. A. Vore	13	6	19	..	1	1	8	25	1	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.... ..	92	5 00	3 00
UNION CITY DISTRICT	C. W. Wade, District Elder																	
Union City	J. M. Jolly	18	...	18	3	1	1	5	30	3	4 81	2 36	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	7 00
Muncie, Redkey and De Soto	P. Morgan	28	...	28	..	1	2	10	45	1	7 61	3 65	3 10	3 10	2 08	3 28	.....	.....
Upland	D. D. Marston	12	..	12	..	..	1	5	26	2	.....	.....	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 80	.....	23 30
College and Maple Corners	M. Williams	18	..	18	..	..	1	7	30	2	7 40	3 60	3 00	1 63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indianapolis	R. H. Clark	7	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Total	....	487	57	544	15	9	20	161	687	75	$ 158 31	$ 78 64	$ 65 70	$ 63 90	$ 41 68	$ 67 45	$ 82 67	$206 36

OHIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at Holland, Ohio, September 19-23, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

J. E. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.* C. W. SMITH, *Statistical Secretary.*

F. L. HALL, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, F. L. Hall, J. H. Hayden.
On Publishing the Minutes—J. E. Williams, F. L. Hall.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. D. Crane, R. B. Niles.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. A. Hopkins, C. W. Smith, J. C. Sherburne.
On Education—J. E. Williams, W. F. Guffey.
On Reforms—D. W. Wesley, H. W. Sanderson, R. Baker.
On Publications—W. B. Olmstead, F. C. Calkins, S. M. Williams.
On Sunday-schools—E. D. Crane, O. M. Shaw, Maude Johnson.
On Board of Examiners for three years—F. L. Hall.
Auditing Committee—D. W. Wesley, O. L. Spencer.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—C. F. Scott. *On Reforms*—R. B. Niles.
On Publications—J. C. Sherburne. *On Education*—J. A. Hopkins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. L. Hall, for three years; D. W. Wesley, for two years; J. C. Sherburne, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. W. Wesley, president; F. L. Hall, secretary; J. W. Headley, treasurer; J. Cain, W. F. Guffey.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents); third quarter, Home Missions (15 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mary E. Hall, president, Galion, Ohio; Etta B. Wesley, vice-president, 485 Mead street, Zanesville, Ohio; Lena S. Thompson, corresponding secretary, Holland, Ohio; Helen Shay Bolton, recording secretary, Newark, Ohio; Clara Hayden, treasurer, Continental, Ohio, R. F. D.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Headley, D. W. Wesley, F. L. Hall, J. E. Williams,
F. C. Calkins, J. H. Hayden, J. Lawrence, G. A. Olmstead,
W. B. Olmstead, E. N. Foulk, A. Stevens. H. F. Hall,
F. DeLong, J. C. Sherburne, H. W. Sanderson, C. F. Scott,
J. A. Bolton, E. D. Crane, W. F. Matthewson, B. B. Casto,
L. G. Lewis, O. L. Spencer, J. B. Thompson, J. A. Hopkins,
C. W. Smith, E. S. Jennings, G. E. Conant, J. M. Swain,
R. B. Niles, H. Burse, John Timbers, O. M. Shaw,
W. A. Cummings.

DELEGATES

J. Cain, Frank Tuttle, Daniel Cain, Lizzie Johnston,
Maud Johnson, W. H. George, O. W. Pore, W. R. Mills,
George Lozier, Lucy Morton, William Boggs, M. E. Snyder,
Clara Latta, Louis Russel, Philip Feigers, W. F. Guffey,
William Shenkle, S. M. Williams, John Shenkle, R. Baker,
S. Hatch, E. H. Bates, Maria Miller, B. Amsbaugh,
Cora Stevens, S. Womer, George Simmonds, W. E. Fisher,
C. J. Carey, Millie Simons, Mary Slusser, S. A. Wheateraft,
Thomas Birch, Anna Crider, Almira Snyder, Orlando Fritz,
Ella Girks, W. M. Orwig.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. W. Headley, D. W. Wesley, F. L. Hall, R. Baker, J. Cain, S. Womer.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. C. Gravina, Walter A. Sayres, Forman Lincicome.

4. Who remain on trial? H. F. Aiken, E. F. Aiken, O. L. Stricker, C. W. Gant, Noah VanKennal, A. C. Hartley, C. W. Warner, B. D. Landon, E. A. Bryan, N. E. Tingley, E. E. Higbee, W. J. Hampp.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? O. M. Shaw, W. A. Cummings.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. DeLong, O. L. Spencer, J. B. Thompson, R. B. Niles, J. M. Swain, E. S. Jennings, G. E. Conant.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. A. Hopkins, C. W. Smith.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? B. B. Casto, J. Lawrence.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? G. A. Olmstead.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Hiram Burse, an elder from the East Michigan conference; John Timbers, an ordained deacon from the West Ontario conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? None.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The time and place was left to the decision of the state camp-meeting committee, which is composed of the following brethren: F. L. Hall, D. W. Wesley, J. W. Headley, J. Cain, S. Womer, R. Baker.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Ohio conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Holland, Ohio, September 19-23, 1906. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided with his usual ability, and gave several interesting and instructive addresses at different sittings of the conference.

There were eight sittings held, each of which was very harmonious.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary and editor of our Sunday-school literature, represented the publishing house, and did quite a good business during the conference.

The following were elected delegates to the general conference: Ministerial, D. W. Wesley, W. B. Olmstead; reserves, F. L. Hall, J. C. Sherburne. Lay, R. Baker, S. Womer; reserves, J. Cain, W. F. Guffey.

Rev. Hiram Burse, an elder from the East Michigan conference, and John Timbers, an ordained deacon from the West Ontario conference, were received by transfer into the Ohio conference.

J. A. Hopkins and C. W. Smith were ordained elder at the Sunday morning service, and W. A. Cummings, O. M. Shaw and R. Baker were ordained deacon at the opening of the afternoon service. R. Baker was ordained local deacon.

Mrs. Lena S. Thompson, Mrs. Anna Stevens and Miss Effie J. Sayre were granted conference evangelist's license.

Miss F. Grace Allen was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat. Her address on the mission work in South Africa, on Wednesday evening was full of instruction and very interesting to all who heard her.

H. Burse of the East Michigan, John Timbers of the West Ontario, C. W. Wade of the North Indiana, and W. C. Muffitt, of the Michigan conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The conference recommended that the General Missionary Board make the following appropriations: Columbus, $75; Newark, $75; Keefersville, $75; Mansfield, $40; Bowling Green, $40.

The Home Mission Fund was appropriated as follows: J. A. Bolton, $20; E. S. Jennings, $8; C. W. Gant, $9; A. C. Hartley, $8; O. L. Spencer, $7; E. D. Crane, $7; G. E. Conant, $7; C. W. Smith, $7; H. F. Hall, $7; R. B. Niles, $5.

The following brethren preached during the conference session: W. T. Hogue, D. W. Wesley, H. Burse, W. C. Muffitt, John Timbers, J. A. Hopkins.

Mr. M. J. Fanning of Pittsburg, a popular prohibition and temperance speaker and lecturer, gave an excellent address on Thursday evening on the subject of prohibition. His arguments were convincing and forceful, and we trust many were edified on this all important subject and were converted to the principles of prohibition.

A collection of $5.00 was taken for the secretary, and $7.00 was raised to reimburse the conference treasurer.

The conference treasurer of the W. F. M. S. reported $1209.92 raised by said society during the year for foreign missions.

There were over one hundred subscriptions taken for the minutes of the conference. This amounted to $35.90 and speaks well for the committee.

The conference was well and royally entertained by the members and friends of Holland and vicinity. Much credit is due Brother J. H. Hayden and his daughter, Miss Clara, for the interest they manifested in looking after the welfare and comfort of all who were in attendance at the conference, and their untiring labors in finding homes for all.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Holland and vicinity for the noble and hospitable manner in which they entertained the conference; also a rising vote of thanks was extended to General Superintendent W. T. Hogue, for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; and to the secretaries for their work during the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Cleveland District—J. W. Headley, District Elder, 4504 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland	J. C. Sherburne, 4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Rocky River	To be supplied
Bennett's Corners and Ridgeville	G. E. Conant, Bennett's Corners, Ohio
Akron	Hiram Burse, 1044 Yale street, Akron, "
Kent	I. H. Potts, supply, Kent, "
Jefferson, Griggs and Steamburg	J. M. Swain, Jefferson, "
Cortland and Warren	F. DeLong, 410 Buckeye street, Warren, "
Youngstown	E. N. Foulk, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	E. C. Gravina, Big Prairie, "
Howard and Davis	E. S. Jennings, Perrysville, R. F. D., "

Joseph Lawrence, supernumerary, 108 Woodland avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; Noah Van Kennal, evangelist, Brunswick, Ohio; E. F. Aiken, allowed to supply work in the Illinois conference, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Toledo District—F. L. Hall, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Toledo.....F. C. Calkins, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio
Holland and Monclova.....John Timbers, Holland, "
Delta, Amboy and Raikers.....Forman Lincicome, Delta, "
Edgerton, Bethel, Butler and Brunnersburg.....N. E. Tingley, Edgerton, "; One to be supplied
Celina.....Oly M. Judy, supply, Celina, "
Hume and Cridersville.....Ida L. Gage, supply, Cridersville, "
Lima.....O. L. Stricker, Lima, "
Keefersville and Dupont.....J. H. Hayden, Continental, R. F. D., "
North Baltimore and Deshler.....R. B. Niles, North Baltimore, "
Bowling Green and Beulah.....E. D. Crane, Bowling Green, "
Galion and West Point.....H. F. Hall, 215 Second street, Galion, "; Mary E. Hall, supply
Mansfield.....E. E. Higbee, 50 Woodland avenue, Mansfield, "
Chicago and Clyde.....E. A. Bryan, Galion, "

L. G. Lewis, allowed to supply work at Jackson, Michigan; H. F. Aiken, left without appointment to attend school; W. B. Olmstead, Sunday school secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; G. A. Olmstead, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; B. B. Casto, supernumerary; W. F. Matthewson, missionary to Japan; J. B. Thompson, left without appointment at his request.

Summerfield District—D. W. Wesley, District Elder, 485 Mead Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Summerfield, Tabor, East Union and Middlebarge.....J. A. Hopkins, Summerfield, "
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive.....C. W. Warner, Sarahsville, "
Hall's Chapel, Hill Grove and Marietta.....O. L. Spencer, Carter, "
Zanesville.....J. E. Williams, 18 Clover street, Zanesville, "
Byesville, Senecaville and Hartford.....C. F. Scott, Byesville, "
Cedar Run.....To be supplied

Membership of the district elder, D. W. Wesley, on the Summerfield district.

Athens District—D. W. Wesley, District Elder.

Athens and Strouds Run.....W. A. Sayre, Athens, "
Corning.....O. M. Shaw, Corning, "
Mt. Carmel.....W. J. Hampp, Elliot's Crossroads, "
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run.....C. W. Smith, Pomeroy, R. F. D., "
Plants and Kerr's Run.....B. D. Landon, Pomeroy, "

Columbus District—D. W. Wesley, District Elder.

Columbus.....C. W. Gant, Columbus, Ohio
New Albany and Ralph.....A. Stevens; Anna Stevens, supply, New Albany, "
Newark Mission.....J. A. Bolton; Helen S. Bolton, supply, Newark, "
Dugan Hill and Fremont City.....A. C. Hartley, Urbana, "
Dayton.....W. A. Cummings, Dayton, "
New Richmond.....Levi Hochstetler, New Richmond, "

H. W. Sanderson, evangelist, 1665 National avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Thomas Hales.....North Eaton, Ohio
J. B. Thompson, Sr.....Holland, "
C. J. Carey.....Urbana, "
R. Baker.....Sarahsville, R. F. D., "
George Lawrence...1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.
John W. Waldrath.....Conneautville, Ohio
Joseph Atkinson...R. F. D., Pomeroy, "
J. M. Longbreak.....Deshler, "
Henry Hanam.....Senecaville, "
W. O. Phillips.....Akron, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary Johnson.... Youngstown, Ohio
Mrs. Maria C. Aylard ....R. F. D., Brunswick, Ohio.
S. P. Hysell.....Columbus, Ohio
Miss Sadie Russell.....Galion, Ohio
Miss Jessie Lawrence..1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Levi Hochstetler.....New Richmond, Ohio

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary E. Hall.....215 Second street, Galion, Ohio.
Mrs. Emily J. Crane .....Bowling Green, Ohio.
Mrs. Ida L. Gage.....Cridersville, Ohio
Mrs. S. J. Ray.....South Newbury, "
Mrs. Anna Stevens..... New Albany, "
Mrs. Lillian Sanderson.....1665 National avenue, Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. Abbie Headley....4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Alice E. Lewis .....307 Wilkins street, Jackson, Michigan.
Mrs. Helen S. Bolton.....Newark, Ohio
Mrs. Emma Hastings.....Kilbuck, "
Mrs. Lena S. Thompson.... Holland, "
Miss Effie J. Sayre.....Plants, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total of all monies received during the year, $1.260.32.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Apportioned and paid, $168.12.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $140.10.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $345.58.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $46.70.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $93.40.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Apportioned and paid, $149.44.
Foreign Missions.—$141.34.
Children's Fund.—$30.21.
Educational Fund.—$8.75.
General Conference Daily Subscriptions.—$18.50.
Subscriptions to Purchase a Cow for Spring Arbor Seminary.—Cash paid to B. J. Vincent, $27 55.
Home Missions Fund.—$90.63.
Disbursed as follows: Deficit in regular claims, $3.05; O. L. Spencer, $7; E. D. Crane, $7; E. S. Jennings, $8; H. F. Hall, $7; C. W. Gant, $9; J. A. Bolton, $20; G. E. Conant, $8; R. B. Niles, $5; A. C. Hartley, $8; C W. Smith, $7; balance, $2.58, to be used by district elders on their respective districts.
Total disbursement, $1,260.32.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The influence and success of any church depends largely on the proper management of its publishing interests and the character of its publications. The founders of the Free Methodist church early recognized this fact, and very wisely undertook the establishment of a publishing house. For nineteen years, our present publisher, Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro, has had charge of our publishing interests, and through his faithful and untiring efforts this department of our work has been placed on a firm financial basis, and has become a strong factor for good in our church.

We would call the attention of our pastors to the disciplinary requirements, to circulate good literature and to distribute tracts. We also urge all of our pastors to patronize our own publishing house in preference to all others. We pledge ourselves to the earnest and hearty support of the *Free Methodist*, our Sunday-school supplies, and the *Missionary Tidings*. We would also make favorable mention of the *Spring Arbor Chronicle*, the *Children's Friend*, published in the interest of the Woodstock Home, and the *Olive Branch*, published in the interest of the Olive Branch Mission.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The saying that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church is so common that it is used proverbially in nearly all religious bodies. If this is true, then what the nursery is to the orchard, the Sabbath-school is to the church. We believe the church will succeed if we

take the proper care of the children. This question arises not only among us as Free Methodists, but among all Christian organizations, "How shall we solve this great problem?" We believe, first, it is necessary to have a church that is alive to God, and that is not conformed to the world, whose members do not consider it a disgrace to bear children and who do consider the right of posterity above the riches and honors of this world.

We further believe that if the church is alive it will be awake to the interest of the Sabbath-school; and every member will see that he or she is in their place regularly in the Sabbath-school and that their entire family are represented.

We further believe that a Sabbath-school should be conducted by saved men and women who are capable of teaching the fundamental doctrines of the Bible—men and women who know God.

Again, we believe that it is not only the object of the Sabbath school to increase the numbers of the church numerically, but to get the children converted to God, sanctified through the truth and filled with the Holy Ghost. To accomplish this there should be the hearty co-operation of the pastor. In his pastoral visits he should consider the children, speak to them about the necessity of a preparation to meet God, and to pray with and for them as occasion offers. The superintendent should be active, watchful, careful, observing and zealous; in fact he should be full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and all the teachers, likewise.

We further believe that no Sabbath-school can accomplish all that it should unless the parents heed the injunction of the word of God, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." What a sad sight to see professed followers of Jesus allow their children to sit around on chairs, lie on the floor, read papers and books during family prayers, though they become loud and vociferous in their devotions, and then wait until Sabbath morning to prepare their children for the Sabbath-school while they themselves stay at home and send their children who are just as liable to be found at a base ball game or some other place of amusement as they are at the Sabbath-school. How true the words of the prophet: "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge." We fear that some of these evils are among us as a people.

We also believe that the church should be clean and attractive both inside and without, and that helps to the lesson, such as the use of blackboards, charts and the lesson helps, and the papers published by our own church should be used in preference to all others. We would recommend Sunday-school conventions to be held on each district at least once a year, that our people may more fully awake to the interest of the Sabbath-school, the nursery of the church.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We deem the subject of Christian education to be one of vast importance and of great concern to us as a church and as a people.

We regard it as almost impossible to over-estimate the value and advantages of a thorough Christian education in these days of intellectual and educational advancement, to the man or the woman who may be in possession of such an education; for the better informed a man or woman may be, the better is he or she qualified to use the grace of God which is in their possession, for the advancement of the interests of God's kingdom, and the salvation of souls. It seems almost imperative that we keep our young people, especially our young men in the ministry, up to the average standard of intellectual abilities and mental attainments of the age in which we live.

The educational facilities offered to us at this present time are such, that a good Christian, as well as an intellectual, education is placed within the reach of nearly every boy and girl; and we would urge upon our people that they avail themselves to the utmost extent possible of existing educational facilities for the education of their children. We are living in an age of progress, and ours, is emphatically a nation of progress. The whole country is full of enterprise, and on no line is this progress and enterprise more manifest and evident than on that of intellectual and educational advancement.

Our common schools and higher institutions of learning are more numerous and better equipped than in any past age, so that our children and youth have far superior advantages for acquiring an intellectual training than did those of past generations.

To a sound and thorough Christian education, more than to any other source or agency, are we to look for the advancement of our people in the requisite knowledge and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities as members of the Christian church, and as citizens of this great republic.

The importance of a thorough moral and religious training will be more apparent when we consider the demands of the age in which we live. The present is a remarkable age, distinguished by great events which portend much good or evil to mankind. The recent revelations of the wholesale theft and corruption in business and political life in this country show to us the great demand and necessity for men of deep and thorough religious training, and sterling moral character to fill these positions of responsibility and trust with honor to themselves and to the nation. We feel like saying with the poet,

"God give us men.
A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill!
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their time-worn creeds,
Their large profession and their little deeds
Mingle with selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps."

One has said, "I do not hesitate to say, that, under our own government, glorious as it is, constitutions and laws, and judges and courts, are the veriest mockeries, unless the rising generation be trained to wisdom and virtue." The kind of men demanded by the age, then, are self-governing men—men whose minds are swayed by high moral principles, who fear God and hate the wages of unrighteousness. Without these the best political, literary or religious institutions are of no avail.

As Christian ministers, we need to feel our responsibility as the moral and religious instructors of the people, whom we are sent to minister unto. Our opportunities are great both as private and public teachers, and as such we need a divine qualification, far more than any mere intellectual attainments we may acquire. Yet we would not disparage learning, but rather claim it as an important auxiliary, but we would not, as some do, make it an indispensable passport to the Christian ministry. We have men in our midst, who feel the call to the ministry upon them, and who have had some fruit in the work to which they have been called, yet they have not had the advantages of acquiring an early education, and we do not wish to discourage such in the work to which they feel they have been called of God. But to all such we would say, that they should not take it for granted that men will be qualified and made able ministers of the New Testament, without personal application and without much study.

No minister, whether called from the ranks of the learned, or from the less educated classes of society, should conclude his studies at an end when he enters the ministry, but rather that they have just commenced. Paul said to Timothy, his son in the gospel, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We would urge and encourage our young men who contemplate soon entering the ministry, that they now avail themselves of the grand opportunities offered them, to qualify themselves to the best of their ability for the great work to which they feel called of God, by a thorough mental and intellectual training, before engaging in the work of their life. And to the parents and members of the Free Methodist church everywhere, we would say, that however great the importance of looking after the proper education of our children, and while we deem it our duty to give our children the most thorough and best mental training possible yet if they have an immortal soul that shall survive the dissolution of nature; and if their happiness or woe throughout an endless eternity is to flow from their moral character, how inconceivably important must it be to train them for coming immortality. Therefore, we would put great stress upon the necessity and importance of giving our children a thorough religious, and deeply spiritual training, which we esteem above price, and which cannot be compared with a mere intellectual or secular education. This training should begin in infancy and continue in the home and in the Sunday-school through childhood and youth, and then be carried forward and continued while in the pursuit of higher intellectual and mental attainments in good Christian schools, under the wise management and holy influence of deeply spiritual and thorough Christian teachers. For this purpose and to this end, we as a church or denomination, have established and are endeavoring to maintain in our midst, a number of such Christian schools which we can recommend to the Christian public, and to our own people, where we can send our boys and girls, and where they will be practically free from the many contaminating influences which they would be compelled to encounter elsewhere. As one of the patronizing conferences we have great reason to thank God for the existence in our midst of Spring Arbor Seminary. We would rejoice in its past record, and praise God for the noble young men and young women it is sending out to bless the world. And we do hereby pledge ourselves to stand by it with our prayers, our patronage and support as far as possible and to the extent of our ability.

V.—ON REFORMS.

Prohibition.—We believe the traffic in intoxicating liquors is the greatest plague in our nation, and that it is responsible for a very large per cent. of all the crimes committed

in our land. We believe the licensed saloon is an abomination to God, a disgrace to our nation, an insult to the church of Jesus Christ and a destroyer of the home. We believe that the Republican and Democrat parties who have held the reins of government are responsible for this God-dishonoring, home-blighting, soul-damning business.

We further believe that the man who votes the Republican or Democrat ticket, so long as they license the liquor traffic, votes for the saloon, and puts himself on record as an abettor to the long list of bloody crimes which it carries in its train; therefore,

Resolved, That, by the grace of God we will use all lawful means in our power to exterminate from our land the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic drinks.

Resolved further, That we will not only pass burning resolutions against the liquor business, but that we will vote with that party which alone has no distiller, no brewer, no saloonist, and no saloon voter. Prohibition is its name.

Catholicism.—The American people we fear are fostering to their future woe this semi-heathen, anti-republican institution. For twelve or more years very little Protestant sentiment has found expression from pulpit, platform or pew. The assumption seems to be that the Romish church is becoming more friendly to Protestant principles. This is a mistake. The facts are that many American churches are conforming to Romanism, and Rome has been sagacious enough to cease hostilities, and affecting friendship is inviting a return to the "Mother Church." Apparently the Congress of Religions, the conventions for the federation of churches are paving a way for a compromise alliance of nearly all religious movements and the enthronement of the anti-Christ. Some denominations are already speaking of the Roman Catholic church as a "sister church" and saying "She has one way of saving people and we another." With malice toward none and charity for all individuals, let us continue to stand by the side of Martin Luther and nail high the "Thesis," protest against the unrighteous system of Rome whose hands still drip with the blood of a million martyrs. Rome to-day is guilty with Rome of the past, for her books, her instructors continue to pervert the truth in regard to the bloody crimes of the inquisition. This is an age of compromise. God forbid that we keep silence, but let our pulpits and press continue to "cry aloud and spare not. Let us lift up our voice like a trumpet and give forth no uncertain sound."

Secret Societies.—It is the sense of your committee that secret societies, while they come to us under cover professing to be a charitable institution and a friend to pure religion, that they are not a charitable institution, neither are they a friend to pure religion, but to the contrary they are a selfish institution giving only to those who give to them. They are an enemy to the Christian religion and a curse to society, "beguiling unstable souls, promising them liberty while they themselves are the servants of corruption. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." We will, therefore, by the grace of God, do our duty as a church in opposing these snares of the evil one by throwing the light of the word of God and reason upon them. "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give repentance to the acknowledging of the truth and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil who are taken captive by him at his will."

Dress.—The subject of dress still engages our attention. If God saw it was necessary to give direction as to how he would have his people to dress, we are not ashamed to be identified with God on this subject, even though we may be considered by the more fashionable and worldly conformed, as fools.

While we believe in neatness of apparel, we do not believe that adornment is in any wise essential to neatness. While our people are free from the wearing of gold, flowers and feathers, yet we are not in every case free from superfluous ornaments and worldliness in dress.

While it may be difficult and unnecessary at all times to be in all things out of the fashion, yet certainly it is no part of the life of a stranger and pilgrim to conform to the fashions of this world; it is for them to declare plainly that they seek a country. But simply to lay aside the wearing of gold, flowers and feathers does not fulfil the law of God, while they indulge themselves in the latest pattern and are careful to keep pace with the unawakened. Does not the wearing of that immodest shirit waist made of goods so thin as to expose parts of the body to the gaze of sinful men, or the placing of open-work in the waist which answers the same purpose, testify against us? While our lips say, "Come to Jesus,'s our dress says the very opposite. In our judgment, silk waists, enormous hats with superfluous ribbon or chiffon, deep cut cuffs with from four to eight buttons when formerly one or two buttons was sufficient, ought not to be indulged in. Or when fashion says to men, "Linked cuffs must be worn," then the round ones must go; yet we must warn the sisters to steer clear of the latest fads. My brethren, these things ought not so to be!

These may be considered very little things, and indeed they are small, but if they are large enough to be seen when in fashion and discarded as soon as they are out of fashion, they certainly are large enough to help cover over that mark of distinction between a follower of Jesus Christ and a follower of this world. Let all of us who have any regard for the word of God and for our influence "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

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Sunday Observance.—We rejoice in the fact that we have one day in seven for rest

and worship. We deplore the general disregard of our nation for this day in allowing business houses and railroads and public works to continue business under pretence of necessity. We disapprove of the common practise of taking advantage of Sunday excursions, to save a few dollars or cents. We also disapprove of Sunday visiting, Sunday newspapers and Sunday street car riding, and buying or selling except in cases of necessity or mercy. We would have our people to be at the house of worship at the appointed hour and spend the day in the worship of God and for the salvation of souls.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT											
Cleveland	.....	$ 4 65	$ 65 38	$ 3 40	$ 702 04	$ 65 65	.....	1	$ 5000	1	$ 1800
Akron	.....	....	23 47	1 50	561 56	40 00	$ 40 00	1	2500	1	1500
Youngstown	$ 2 60	....	67 05	1 50	540 44	60 00	30 44	1	2000	1	1600
Kent	....	.....	.....	1 50	510 75	50 00	18 00	1	1500	1	800
Cortland and Warren	....	.....	31 00	1 05	391 15	50 00	16 20	2	3000	1	1000
Jefferson, Grigg's Cor., Steamburg	....	1 40	24 96	2 10	357 28	55 00	13 24	2	1400	..	.....
Rocky River	.....	5 00	28 00	90	253 12	50 00	7 00	1	1500	1	1000
Howard and Davis	....	....	16 03	1 45	250 00	45 00	2 69	2	1800	..	.....
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	34 21	70	365 10	60 00	15 00	2	2000	..	.....
Bennett's Corners	....	1 38	11 25	80	232 29	40 00	2 00	1	1000	1	110
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Toledo	.....	.....	61 99	1 50	558 42	69 41	8 00	1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Monclova	.....	12 00	75 00	2 20	480 00	67 55	12 00	2	2000	1	1100
Delta and Amboy	....	.....	5 73	1 25	280 32	40 71	.....	2	2300	1	500
Brunersburg	....	2 00	32 75	40	211 22	66 65	4 00	1	600	..	.....
Bowling Green and Beulah	....	.....	32 89	95	167 07	.....	.....	2	2500	..	.....
Hume and Cridersville	....	....	27 09	1 30	310 29	45 00	10 00	2	1500	2	500
Galion and West Point	....	1 50	27 52	1 25	391 54	54 15	23 25	2	2500	1	1000
Mansfield and Chicago Junction	....	....	.....	90	77 69	45 32	.....	2	2000	2	2100
Clyde	....	.....	10 43	55	88 75	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Baltimore and Deshler	.....	....	39 81	1 30	225 33	38 01	13 60	2	4600	1	700
Lima	....	.....	27 58	45	287 75	48 91	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edgerton, Bethel and Butler	....	....	12 00	1 00	205 00	46 82	20 00	1	500	..	.....
Kiefersville and Dupont	....	.....	.....	.....	35 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
Celina	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 56	18 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT											
Summerfield, Tabor, East Union and Middleburg	1 50	1 50	12 00	1 95	615 70	62 29	10 20	3	4000	1	1000
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive	....	.....	34 01	2 65	434 15	67 53	3 75	3	2500	1	700
Byesville, Senecaville and Hartford	....	1 62	27 98	1 65	316 96	51 74	.....	2	1000	..	.....
Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove	.....	2 90	26 00	1 35	353 11	46 87	15 00	2	1200	..	.....
Zanesville	....	4 51	62 07	1 85	601 00	103 15	32 80	1	1500	1	1100
Marietta	...	.....	10 64	65	408 39	40 62	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
Cedar Run	....	...	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
ATHENS DISTRICT											
Athens, Mt. Carmel, Stroud's Run	.....	....	20 00	2 80	338 00	44 41	.....	3	2500	..	.....
Plants and Kerr's Run	....	.....	37 32	1 25	206 76	28 04	51 13	1	800	..	.....
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run	....	....	27 71	1 90	449 44	54 09	30 59	3	2000	1	700
Corning	.....	2 75	21 75	.....	230 00	34 17	29 20	..	.....	..	.....
COLUMBUS DISTRICT											
Columbus Mission	40	30	.....	35	111 00	28 44	12 00	1	2800	..	.....
New Albany and Ralph	1 50	1 50	20 25	1 00	390 00	44 30	8 65	2	1000	..	.....
Dayton	2 75	1 00	17 81	70	312 87	42 00	9 48	..	.....	..	.....
Dugan Hill and Fremont City	...	1 05	19 92	75	155 09	39 02	.....	1	800	..	.....
Newark	.....	.....	.....	...	7 58	4 70	22 60	..	.....	..	.....
New Richmond	..	....	.....	...	.....	1 45	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 8 75	$45 06	$ 991 61	$46 80	12521 82	$1769 00	$ 464 32	53	$ 63000	20	$18710

Raised for tracts, Akron, $2; Edgerton, Bethel and Butler, $.30; Toledo, $1; Lima, $2.50; Dayton, $.25. Total, $6.05.

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CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Office'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CLEVELAND DISTRICT	J. W. Headley, District Elder																	
Cleveland	J. C. Sherburne	81	10	91	2	2	1	17	76	10	$ 25 16	$ 12 24	$ 6 80	10 20	$ 6 80	$ 10 88	$ 5 00	$143 89
Akron	J. E. Williams	23	2	25	..	..	1	4	25	4	11 10	5 40	3 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	38 83
Youngstown	E. F. Aiken	39	12	51	..	..	1	12	65	9	11 10	5 40	3 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	18 11	69 63
Kent	I. H. Potts, supply	28	10	38	..	..	1	10	50	7	11 10	5 40	3 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	72 52
Cortland and Warren	F. DeLong	23	8	31	..	..	2	8	40	7	7 77	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10	3 36	2 04	24 00
Jefferson, Grigg's Corners, Steamburg	J. M. Swain	36	5	41	..	3	2	11	75	8	15 54	7 56	4 20	6 30	4 20	6 72	4 51	33 03
Rocky River	O. L. Spencer	17	...	17	..	..	1	7	32	6	6 66	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	2 88	144 19	2 00
Howard and Davis	Edward Higbee	28	...	28	..	..	1	9	25	8	10 78	5 22	2 90	4 35	2 90	4 64	17 47	.....
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	E. C. Gravina, supply	25	2	27	..	..	2	8	60	5	5 18	2 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
Bennett's Corners	Noah VanKenna!	17	7	24	..	1	1	5	30	7	5 92	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	2 56	4 60	.....
TOLEDO DISTRICT	F. L. Hall, District Elder																	
Toledo	F. C. Calkins	21	2	23	..	..	1	11	75	4	11 10	5 40	3 00	4 50	3 00	4 80	35 00	27 45
Holland and Monclova	J. H. Hayden	51	6	57	1	..	2	19	150	10	16 28	7 92	4 40	6 60	4 40	7 04	16 60	62 25
Delta and Amboy	E. D. Crane	22	...	22	..	..	1	2	20	6	9 25	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	.....	5 65
Brunersburg	N. E. Tingley	10	1	11	..	..	1	8	32	6	2 96	1 44	80	1 20	80	1 28	84	11 17
Bowling Green and Beulah	H. F. Hall	19	..	19	..	..	2	10	32	5	7 03	3 42	1 90	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	21 67
Hume and Cridersville	Ida L. Gage, supply	22	..	22	2	..	2	10	40	2	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	50 58
Gallon and West Point	Raymond B. Niles	28	4	32	1	1	2	10	35	6	9 25	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	40 27	18 65
Mansfield and Chicago Junction	W. O. Phillips	16	...	16	..	..	2	5	20	3	6 66	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
Clyde	E. A. Bryan	13	2	15	..	..	1	5	8	10	4 07	1 98	1 10	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	6 50
North Baltimore and Deshler	Mary E. Hall, supply	25	..	25	1	..	2	13	50	5	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	31 05
Lima	O. L. Stricker	16	3	19	..	..	1	7	36	4	3 33	1 62	90	1 35	90	1 44	.....	41 11
Edgerton, Bethel and Butler	E. S. Jennings	25	..	25	1	..	1	5	15	6	7 40	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	.....	.....
Kiefersville and Dupont	Ida L. Gage, supply	24	...	24	..	..	..	..	..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Celina	Oly M. Judy, supply	13	20	33	..	1	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....

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SUMMERFIELD, ATHENS AND COLUMBUS DISTRICTS

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SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT	D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Summerfield, Tabor, East Union and Middleburg	J. A. Hopkins	44	3	47	..	..	1	6	20	15	14 82	$ 7 02	$ 3 90	$ 5 85	3 90	$ 5 85	$ 17 60	$ 5 00
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive	C. W. Warner	47	4	51	2	..	3	19	55	11	19 61	9 54	5 30	7 95	5 30	8 48	47 45	15 00
Byesville, Senecaville and Hartford	C F. Scott	48	10	58	2	..	3	20	60	12	12 21	5 94	3 30	4 95	3 30	5 25	.....	41 50
Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove	B. D. Landon	33	4	37	3	1	2	10	40	8	9 99	3 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	33 00
Zanesville	E. N. Foulk	42	9	51	1	1	1	10	60	13	13 69	6 66	3 70	5 55	3 70	5 92	165 81	59 80
Marietta	A. Stevens	13	...	13	1	1	1	4	18	5	4 81	2 34	1 30	1 95	1 30	2 08	55 00	10 95
Cedar Run	D. W. Wesley	3	...	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ATHENS DISTRICT	D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Athens, Mt. Carmel and Stroud's Run	William J. Hampp	40	...	40	1	..	3	16	65	15	20 72	10 08	5 60	8 40	5 60	8 96	9 60	41 50
Plants and Kerr's Run	J. B. Thompson	22	1	23	..	1	3	13	75	6	9 25	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	65	28 04
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run	J. A. Bolton	35	..	35	..	1	4	25	100	13	14 06	6 84	3 80	5 70	3 80	6 08	.....	38 00
Corning	O. M. Shaw	11	1	12	..	..	2	10	45	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 35
COLUMBUS DISTRICT	D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Columbus Mission	Forman Lincicome	9	1	10	..	1	1	5	38	4	2 59	1 26	70	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
New Albany and Ralph	C. W. Smith	22	2	24	..	..	2	10	50	5	7 40	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	45 67	60 83
Dayton	W. A. Cummings	18	2	20	1	2	1	8	35	....	5 18	2 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	2 24	21 00	18 90
Dugan Hill and Tremont City	George E. Conant	15	.	15	1	..	1	7	20	5	5 55	2 70	1 50	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	.....
Newark	C. W. Smith	3	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Richmond	H. W. Sanderson	5	3	8	..	..	1	5	20	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1032	138	1170	20	16	60	364	1692	264	$ 346 71	$ 167 48	$ 93 60	$ 140 40	$ 93 60	$149 34	$ 671 41	1031 85

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Beresford, South Dakota, October 10-14, 1906

OFFICERS

A. L. WHITCOMB, *President.*

H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary.* J. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. F. HARDING, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—H. L. Torsey, J. Whiteside, W. D. McMullen.
On Public Worship—A. L. Whitcomb, W. D. McMullen, J. Whiteside, B. Gaddis.
On Publications—J. Whiteside, H. L. Torsey, Levi Patton.
On Sabbath-schools—W. C. Houts, F. W. Drown, J. S. Olmsted.
On Education—T. Donoghue, D. J. Brenneman, W. A. Harden.
On Reforms—W. A. Harden, M. Poole, A. Pedersen.
On Ministerial Relations—W. D. McMullen, J. Whiteside, H. L. Torsey, W. C. Houts, W. F. Harding.
On Memoirs—H. L. Torsey, D. B. Waller.
On State of the Work—W. D. McMullen, J. Whiteside, H. L. Torsey.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Harding, B. Gaddis.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. O'Connor.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.
On Resolutions—D. J. Brenneman, Lettie David, Sylvia McClelland.
To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary—B. Gaddis, D. B. Waller.
Conference Treasurer—W. F. Harding.
To Secure Subscriptions for the General Conference Daily—D. B. Waller.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, president; H. L. Torsey, secretary; J. Whiteside, J. C. Keen, J. S. Olmsted.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. Donoghue, for five years; W. F. Harding, for four years; O. A. Harpel, for three years; J. Whiteside, for two years; H. L. Torsey, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. D. McMullen, secretary, for five years; J. C. Keen, for four years; J. Whiteside, for three years; H. Hodson, for two years; H. L. Torsey, president, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

H. L. Torsey, president; T. Donoghue, secretary; J. Whiteside, treasurer; R. S. Vessey, B. F. Hubbard, W. D. McMullen, W. F. Harding, B. Y. Neal, F. I. Waters, S. Waite, O. E. McCracken.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. C. Houts. *On Sunday-schools*—W. A. Harden.
On Reforms—T. Donoghue. *On Education*—H. L. Torsey.
On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

It was ordered to take the same collections and in the same order as printed in the minutes last year. Send money to W. F. Harding.

Send Woman's Foreign Missionary Society money to Mrs. Alta Waller, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

O. A. Harpel,	H. L. Torsey,	W. F. Harding,	T. Donoghue,
J. Whiteside,	W. D. McMullen,	W. A. Harden,	F. W. Drown,
W. C. Houts,	B. Gaddis,	S. B. Shaw.	

DELEGATES

J. C. Keen,	J. S. Olmsted,	Herman Schrader,	L. Bogenrief,
Levi Patton,	J. R. Williams,	D. J. Brenneman,	Anna Pedersen,
Morvia Poole,	Lettie David,	Sylvia McClelland.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. L. Whitcomb, J. Whiteside, W. D. McMullen, J. C. Keen, Morvia Poole.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? D. J. Brenneman, R. O'Connor.

4. Who remain on trial? D. B. Waller.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? F. W. Drown, B. Gaddis, A. M. Anderson.

7-9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Cyrus Cook, O. A. Harpel.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. C. Houts, an elder from the Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. N. Vennard, under censure.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? Rufus Earl.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? Cyrus Cook, $150; O. A. Harpel, $80.

23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Wessington Springs, South Dakota, as near the first Wednesday of October, 1907, as will suit the plan of the general superintendent who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

Sioux Falls District—T. Donoghue, District Elder, Wessington Springs, S. D.

Sioux Falls and Brandon.....D. B. Waller, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Beresford.....B. Gaddis; D. Gaddis, supply, Beresford. " "
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county.....W. F. Harding

Wall Lake and Parker.....E. B. Paddock, supply, Hartford, R. F. D., South Dakota
Boyden and Rock Rapids.....Maggie Allen, supply, Boyden, Iowa
Humboldt and Hartford.....S. B. Shaw, Hartford. R. F. D., South Dakota

T. Donoghue, member of Sioux Falls district quarterly conference.

North District—T. Donoghue, District Elder.

Vienna, Merton and Woodland.....H. L. Torsey, Vienna, South Dakota
Ortley circuit.....W. A. Harden, Waubay, R. F. D., " "
Berton and Farnsworth.....To be supplied

Wessington Springs and Mitchell Districts—J. Whiteside, District Elder, Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Wessington Springs.....W. C. Houts, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
Alpena and Forestburg.....F. W. Drown, Woonsocket, " "
Mitchell and Parkston.....Martha D. Wheeler, supply, Mitchell, " "
Hand county.....Ezra Whitton, supply, Wessington Springs, " "
Olivet and Scotland.....R. O'Connor, Olivet, " "
Charles Mix county.....To be supplied
Lyman county.....To be supplied
Huron.....To be supplied

J. Whiteside, member of Wessington Springs district quarterly conference; D. J. Brenneman, principal of Wessington Springs Seminary; A. M. Anderson, left without appointment to attend Greenville College; Cyrus Cook, superannuated.

Northwest District—J. Whiteside, District Elder.

Faulkton, Burkmere and Liberty.....W. D. McMullen, Faulkton, South Dakota; S. J. Gilmore, assistant
Hyde county.....C. E. Evans, supply

O. A. Harpel, superannuated.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Albert Jacobson.....Waubay, South Dakota
Laura Whiteside.....Wessington Springs, " "
Ama Cook.....

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $146.52.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $71.28.
General Missions Fund.—Assessed and paid, $59.40.
Conference Missions.—Assessed and paid, $59.40.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Assessed and paid, $63.36.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $19.80.
Foreign Missions.—$18.56.
Educational Fund.—$4.87.
American Bible Society.—$8.31.
Evangelistic Fund.—$2.50.
O. A. Harpel, forwarded through treasurer.—$21.55.
Total for all purposes, $475.55.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—Total of all funds reported for the year. $397.44.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Again, in his all-wise providence, our heavenly Father has permitted the hand of death to touch our conference and Rufus Earl will no more respond to the calling of the roll, in our annual gatherings. While his removal from the boundary of our conference in November, 1901, took him from our sessions so that his death will not make the separation seem so abrupt, yet the calling of his name and the special seasons of prayer we have held for

him will now cease; and since God has been pleased to send deliverance in this way we will join in the trusting, submissive prayer, "Thy will be done."

Brother Earl was born in Winchester, Dundas county, Ontario, November 25, 1851. He was married to Sarah McLean, April 3, 1871. They came to Dakota among the pioneers, and our first acquaintance with him was made at the old Forestburg camp-ground.

He heard the divine call to the ministry, and while greatly embarrassed by his natural diffidence, he responded to the call, and amid the privations incident to itinerant work in this frontier field, with his large family to be cared for, he occupied the pastorate on six of the circuits of this conference for one or more years, each, God endorsing his call and sealing his ministry in the salvation of souls, some of whom are now laboring in the vineyard.

Soon after removing to Canada his health, which had been failing for some years, gave way and mind as well as body suffered intensely until the end came. With the separation and its grief there came such a sense of the divine glory, and assurance that the victory had been won, to his faithful companion in labors and their children, that the dark cloud which had hung over them so long was lifted and the sky cleared again.

As a conference we desire to express our sympathy with the family of Brother Earl, and pray that the God of all grace who has sustained and strengthened them in the past will supply all their future need.

Following the reading of the report conference joined in singing, "There's a land that is fairer than day."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT						*$137 72					
Sioux Falls	$ 2 00		$ 35 00	1 90	$ 425 00	57 12		1	$ 1000	2	$ 1800
Beresford			25 00		300 00	50 00	$ 5 00	1	2000	1	800
Wall Lake	1 24		7 00	90	† 230 00	30 00		1	1200	1	1000
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county			5 00		180 25	50 00					
Boyden, Rock Rapids and Parker			4 33	75	246 65	32 51	25 00	1	1200	1	1400
NORTH DISTRICT											
Vienna			13 66	1 75	416 48	53 05	15 00	1	2000	1	800
Waubay			25 00	1 35	332 11	51 00		1	1500		
Berton and Farnsworth				50	38 00	46 77					
Clark						21 77					
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT						* 220 71					
Wessington Springs			27 69		500 00	66 03	75 00			2	3000
Forestburg and Alpena			9 29	70	267 00	30 45				1	1000
Hand county			55		165 32	44 36	37 00				
Huron											
MITCHELL DISTRICT											
Mitchell and Parkston				80	274 10	48 01	80	1	1200	1	800
Olivet			12 29	1 30	240 51	35 64		2	1100	1	550
Charles Mix county				40		25 11					
NORTHWEST DISTRICT											
Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty, etc	1 63		25 00	2 30	397 27	85 03	15 00	1	1500	1	1500
Campbell county						14 18					
Ellisville and Hyde county				40	124 25	43 89	7 00				
Potter and Sully counties						4 67					
Lyman county						14 50					
Total	$ 4 87		$ 189 81	$13 05	$4136 94	$1161 52	$ 179 80	10	$ 12700	12	$12650

*Parsonage rent, missionary appropriations, etc. †D. B. Waller, $17.

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SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT	W. D. McMullen, Dist. Elder																	
Sioux Falls	D. B. Waller	40	8	48	..	1	2	9	50	14	$ 14 06	$ 6 84	$ 5 70	$ 5 70	$ 3 80	$ 6 03	.....	$ 50 65
Beresford	B. Gaddis, D. Gaddis, supply	28	...	28	2	1	1	6	40	6	10 73	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	4 64	$ 10 00	21 00
Wall Lake	R. O'Connor	18	...	18	..	..	1	5	...	5	6 66	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 88	1 00	15 60
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county	S. B. Shaw	17	3	20	..	..	2	9	25	5	8 51	4 14	.....	3 45	2 30	1 16	8 00	5 00
Boyden, Rock Rapids and Parker	H. P. John Allen, M. Allen, sup.	15	1	16	..	2	1	3	20	6	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	.....
NORTH DISTRICT	W. D. McMullen, Dist. Elder																	
Vienna	H L. Torsey	30	...	30	..	1	1	6	20	9	12 95	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	5 70
Waubay	W. A. Harden	25	...	25	1	..	3	8	40	7	9 99	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	4 32	7 10	8 50
Berton and Farnsworth	T. Donoghue	12	...	12	..	..	..	..	..	4	3 70	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 60	3 25	.....
Clark	.....	4	...	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 59	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT	J. Whiteside, District Elder																	
Wessington Springs	W. C. Houts, supply	52	6	58	1	1	1	7	50	5	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	.....	7 14	8 56	31 75
Forestburg and Alpena	F. W. Drown	17	1	18	..	..	1	6	20	6	5 18	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 24	.....	.....
Hand county	E. B. Paddock, supply	18	7	25	3	1	1	5	20	5	4 07	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	.....
Huron	.....	5	3	8	1	..	..	..	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....
MITCHELL DISTRICT	J. Whiteside, District Elder																	
Mitchell and Parkston	A. M. Anderson, Mary Anderson	11	...	11	..	1	1	6	20	4	5 92	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 56	.....	69 10
Olivet	W. F. Harding	26	...	26	..	1	1	6	25	5	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	1 96	6 60
Charles Mix county	.....	7	...	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	2 96	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	J. Whiteside, District Elder																	
Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty, etc	.....	43	7	50	2	1	3	15	65	15	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	.....	10 00	.....
Campbell county	.....	1	...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 80	90	.....	75	50	64	.....	.....
Ellisville and Hyde county	.....	8	...	8	..	1	..	..	..	5	2 96	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Potter and Sully counties	.....	7	...	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	3 70	1 80	1 13	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Lyman county	.....	6	...	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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GENESEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-seventh Annual Session, held at Buffalo, Virginia Street, New York, September 5-9, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.* ELMER C. REBER, *Secretary.*
J. H. WHEELER, G. S. CHAMBERLAIN, *Assistant Secretaries.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, F. F. Shoup, C. W. Bacon, T. Sully, E. A. Taylor.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Education—O. E. Tiffany, John Tuxford, J. H. Wheeler, Mrs. T. Clother.

On Sunday-schools—L. Barmore, Mrs. M. M. Robinson, C. P. Ingersoll, C. Worbois, E. B. Cahoon.

On Church Literature—B. H. Roberts, J. H. Harmon, B. Winget, L. K. Manning, T. Simpson.

On Reforms—W. Manning, R. Carne, G. B. Bancroft, L. F. Clark, Mrs. Phina Armstrong.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—G. M. Allen, A. B. Pulis.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. K. Bacon, D. S. Damon, C. W. Thurber, O. C. Blowers.

On Railroad Reduction—Thomas Sully.

On Ministerial Relations—G. D. Mark, N. B. Martin, L. D. Perkins, J. D. Handley, J. Craine.

On Memoirs—F. F. Shoup, C. D. Brooks, C. C. Eggleston, J. F. Franklin.

On Nomination of Standing Committees—A. H. Bennett, C. W. Bacon, J. K. Wilson.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, A. H. Bennett, C. W. Bacon, B. W. Burritt, J. H. Wilson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Missions—A. H. Bennett.

On Sunday-schools—G. S. Chamberlain.

On Reforms—C. C. Eggleston.

On Public Worship—The general superintendent.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—L. F. Clark.

On Education—J. H. Wheeler.

On Church Literature—W. Pearce.

On Railroad Reduction—T. Sully.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretary.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. C. Blowers.

On Ministerial Relations—G. D. Mark.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. F. Shoup, president; J. H. Wheeler, secretary; L. K. Manning.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

GENESEE CONFERENCE

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; M. C. Burritt, C. C. Eggleston, D. S. Damon.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Thomas Sully.

MANAGERS OF HULBERTON ITALIAN MISSION

W. Pearce, E. A. Taylor, Grant Woods, T. Sully, B. E. Strong.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: William Pearce, C. W. Bacon, J. H. Harmon. Reserve, A. H. Bennett, E. A. Taylor.

Lay: T. Sully, J. K. Wilson, M. C. Burritt. Reserve: G. C. Woods, C. English.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, and Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Foreign Missions and Home Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Alma K. Pearce, North Chili, New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. C. Bacon, 265 Whitney place, Buffalo, New York; recording secretary, Mrs. E. C. Allen, Elton, New York; treasurer, Miss Agnes D. Derby, 123 South Main street, Jamestown, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. D. Brooks,	H. Hornsby,	W. Manning,	I. C. White,
T. B. Catton,	J. Robinson,	A. A. Burgess,	C. C. Eggleston,
S. K. J. Chesbro,	W. T. Hogue,	A. H. Bennett,	J. H. Harmon,
L. D. Perkins,	W. Jones,	J. O'Regan,	G. D. Mark,
E. A. Taylor,	C. W. Bacon,	G. M. Allen,	O. C. Blowers,
L. Barmore,	E. C. Best,	B. H. Roberts,	N. Palmer,
J. F. Franklin,	B. Winget,	J. H. Wheeler,	N. B. Martin,
G. S. Chamberlain,	H. W. Rowley,	J. S. Bradbrook,	C. W. Thurber,
D. W. Steele,	W. W. Warner,	G. W. Coleman,	G. B. Altoft,
F. F. Shoup,	H. L. Miner,	J. P. Irving,	L. K. Manning,
G. B. Tingue,	L. F. Clark,	H. A. Blowers,	T. S. Simpson,
F. A. Perkins,	W. T. Underwood,	E. C. Reber,	W. Pearce,
C. H. Reed,	M. E. Ellis,	J. J. Kelley,	R. Carne.

DELEGATES

J. E. Hulsaver,	Mrs. M. M. Robinson,	B. W. Burritt,	C. Worbois,
A. B. Pulis,	A. K. Bacon,	G. Albone,	E. B. Cahoon,
T. Sully,	J. A. Craine,	Mrs. T. Clother,	H. M. Snell,
C. Fairbanks,	C. W. Fetterman,	W. Stevens,	I. M. Rose,
J. W. Reese,	A. Underhill,	C. Weatherall,	Mrs. L. A. Welch,
H. W. Eaton,	E. Harrison,	C. Leonard,	J. D. Handley,
Phina Armstrong,	G. C. Woods,	Susan Martin,	G. Bancroft,
S. Webster,	O. E. Tiffany,	J. S. Tuxford,	D. S. Damon,
A. McCoy,	C. W. Ingersoll,	W. H. Gates,	J. K. Wilson,
G. C. Wood,	C. Rothfuss,	A. E. Baldwin.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, W. Pearce, C. W. Bacon, A. H. Bennett, J. O'Regan, B. W. Burritt, T. Sully, G. C. Woods, J. K. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Lewis Leonard, William Newkirk.

4. Who remain on trial? C. E. Pike, H. J. Wood.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? B. F. Hitchcock.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Tingue, M. E. Ellis, B. F. Hitchcock.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? G. B. Altoft, H. A. Blowers, W. T. Underwood.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, B. H. Roberts, W. W. Warner, G. W. Coleman, E. C. Best.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Henry Hornsby, A. A. Burgess, T. B. Catton, I. C. White, W. Jones, William Manning.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. Carne, from the Wisconsin conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. P. Irving.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. W. Rowley, J. S. Bradbrook.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. Robinson.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Bolivar, Allegany county, New York, as near the second Wednesday in September, 1907, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

Genesee District—W. Pearce, District Elder, North Chili, New York.

Rochester.....L. A. Sager, supply, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
North Chili.....F. E. Pond, supply, North Chili, " "
Parma Center and Clarkson.....L. K. Manning, Spencerport, R..F. D., " "
West Greece and North Parma.....To be supplied
Brockport.....To be supplied
Sweden.....N. Palmer, Bergen, R. F. D., New York
Hulberton.....To be supplied
West Kendall and Kendall Mills.....Levi Ecker, supply, West Kendall, New York
Albion.....E. A. Taylor, 20 Platt street, Albion, " "
Gaines, Kenyonville and Oak Orchard.....M. E. Ellis, Gaines, " "
Greigsville.....To be supplied
Batavia, Bethany and Alexander.....C. C. Eggleston, Batavia, New York

S. K. J. Chesbro, agent, Free Methodist Publishing House, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; H. Hornsby, superannuated, West Kendall, New York; C. D. Brooks, supernumerary, Geneva, New York; B. H. Roberts, supernumerary, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Buffalo District—C. W. Bacon, District Elder, 265 Whitney Place, Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo, Virginia Street.....F. F. Shoup, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York
" Potomac Avenue.....J. H. Wheeler, 177 Potomac avenue, " " "
" Marion Avenue.....To be supplied
Akron and North Newstead.....C. H. Reed; Victoria Reed, supply, Akron, New York
Lockport.....E. C. Reber, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, " "
Pendleton.....H. J. Wood, R. F. D., Pendleton, " "
Newfane and Wilson.....M. G. Cottrill, supply, Newfane, " "

Ransomville.....N. B. Martin, Ransomville, New York
Tonawanda.....J. F. Franklin, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, " "
Niagara Falls.....L. Barmore, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, " "
West Falls and Colden.....C. W. Holliday, supply, West Falls, " "

W. T. Hogue, general superintendent, 2025 Sherman avenue, Evanston, Illinois; A. A. Burgess, superannuated, Buffalo, New York; H. A. Blowers, located at his request, Elton, New York.

Allegany District—A. H. Bennett, District Elder, Perry, New York.

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....G. B. Tingue, Allegany, New York
Belmont, Ford Brook and Alma Hill.....To be supplied
Bolivar.....William Newkirk, Bolivar, New York
East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....C. L. Silvernail, supply, East Otto, " "
Elton and Yorkshire.....G. M. Allen, Yorkshire, " "
Perry.....R. Carne, Perry, " "
Franklinville.....L. F. Clark, Franklinville, " "
Rushford, Belfast and Rockville.....J. H. Harmon.....Rushford, " "
G. S. Chamberlain, Rockville, " "
Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....D. W. Steele, Johnsonburg, " "
Gainesville and Wethersfield Springs.....C. E. Pike, Wethersfield Springs, " "
Wales and Townline.....E. Lenkerd, supply, Wales, " "

T. B. Catton, superannuated, Perry, New York; G. W. Coleman, supernumerary, Gainesville, New York; W. W. Warner, supernumerary, Perry, New York; H. W. Rowley, given a certificate of standing; G. B. Altott, located at his request, Perry, New York.

Chautauqua District—J. O'Regan, District Elder, 219 Whitney Place, Buffalo, New York.

Jamestown.....F. M. Campbell, supply, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York
Forestville and Fredonia.....B. F. Hitchcock, Forestville, " "
Salamanca and Red House.....J. J. Kelly, West Salamanca, " "
South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek.....H. L. Miner, South Dayton, " "
Ellington and East Randolph.....Lewis Leonard, Ellington, " "
Gerry.....T. S. Simpson, Gerry, " "
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley.....G. D. Mark, Cattaraugus, " "
Collins Center and Marshfield.....O. C. Blowers, Collins Center, " "
Gowanda and North Collins.....C. W. Thurber, Gowanda, " "
Silver Creek, North Perrysburg and Irving.....To be supplied

L. D. Perkins, financial agent of the Gerry Homes, Gerry, New York; I. C. White, superannuated, Forestville, NewYork; William Jones, superannuated; William Manning, superannuated, Cattaraugus, New York; E. C. Best, supernumerary, Fredonia, New York; W. T. Underwood, located at his request, Franklinville, New York; F. A. Perkins, evangelist.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

M. C. Burritt.....Leroy, New York
G. W. Worthington.....Clarkson, New York.
F. R. Ballard.....Cattaraugus, New York
G. E. Bullard.....Gaines, " "
Mrs. L. J. W. Coleman.....Gainesville, New York.
Miss A. P. Carpenter....North Chili, New York.
Mrs. E. S. Roberts...Allegheny, Pennsylvania.
Emma Holbrook.....Hilton, New York
Mrs. O. T. Steele....East Otto, " "
Mrs. R. A. Best.....Fredonia, " "
A. J. Pratt.....East Otto, " "
Mrs. Lizzie Perkins.....Gerry, " "
C. Fairbanks.....Lockport, " "
M. H. Boyd.....Wadsworth, " "
Mrs. L. F. Manning....Cattaraugus, New York.
A. K. Bacon.....Albion, New York
S. D. Molter..2914 La Salle avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
J. G. Tuxford.....Jamestown, New York
Mrs. A. K. Pearce...North Chili, " "
Mrs. M. Shoup.....75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York.
S. Witmer.....1024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
R. E. Erdman.....90 Broadway, Buffalo New York.
S. F. Mersereau..New York City, New York
W. P. Carpenter.....Ashville, " "
M. W. Fuller.....Chili, " "
C. Wiltse.....Allegany, " "
J. Webster.....Townline, " "
M. H. Monroe.....Allegany, " "
Burt Sumner.....Black Creek, " "
C. Hatfield.....Wethersfield Springs, New York.
H. Biddolph.....Ransomville, New York

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-seventh annual session of the conference was held at Virginia street, Buffalo, New York, September 5-9, 1906. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided. There were seven sittings of the conference.

Revs. F. E. Pond, A. T. Sager, A. Lenkerd, L. A. Sager of the Oil City conference; S. Rogers of the West Ontario conference; C. Cunningham of the Eastern Ontario conference; F. E. Fitch, J. A. Tholens of the Susquehanna conference; J. T. Cameron, W. T. Wees of the Methodist church; W. Jackson of New York City; E. M. Sandys of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe, returned missionary from Ceylon, were introduced and invited to honorary seats in the conference.

Thomas Sully was elected conference treasurer. All conference collections were ordered sent to him at 262 Hudson street, Buffalo, New York.

Moneys raised at the conference for various purposes were as follows: For church improvements at Virginia street, $52; to reimburse the secretaries, $10.21; for deficiency on claims, $49.53; to publish the minutes, $38.20; for Gerry Homes, $65; for A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, $200; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $151; for F. F. Shoup, $15.

A very impressive and solemn memorial service was conducted by the committee on memoirs, on Sunday evening, occasioned by the death of J. Robinson.

Sunday services: Love feast at 9:00 a. m. About 11:15, General Superintendent W. A. Sellew preached, after which B. F. Hitchcock was ordained deacon.

Afternoon: At 2:45 o'clock, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., General Superintendent W. A. Sellew delivered his characteristic address on "Mission Work in South Africa" to a large and appreciative audience. The collection amounted to $151.

Evening: Memorial service at 6:45. At 7:30 Rev. E. A. Taylor preached in the Virginia Street Free Methodist church. The pulpits of other denominations in Buffalo were filled by members of the conference both morning and evening.

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*CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of Admission into full connection	Name	Year of Admission into full connection	Name
1860	C. D. Brooks,	1888	W. Pearce,
1862	Henry Hornsby,	1888	R. Carne,
1863	William Manning,	1888	L. Barmore,
1863	William Jones,	1888	O. C. Blowers,
1865	G. W. Coleman,	1891	J. F. Franklin,
1866	I. C. White,	1891	B. H. Roberts,
1867	B. Winget,	1891	N. Palmer,
1868	T. B. Catton,	1892	F. F. Shoup,
1870	A. A. Burgess,	1892	J. H. Wheeler,
1871	W. W. Warner,	1892	N. B. Martin,
1872	C. C. Eggleston,	1893	G. S. Chamberlain,
1873	S. K. J. Chesbro,	1895	C. W. Thurber,
1875	W. T. Hogue,	1896	C. H. Reed,
1875	A. H. Bennett,	1896	H. L. Miner,
1877	E. C. Best,	1897	D. W. Steele,
1879	J. H. Harmon,	1900	T. S. Simpson,
1881	F. A. Perkins,	1902	L. K. Manning,
1882	L. D. Perkins,	1902	L. F. Clark,
1883	J. O'Regan,	1902	G. B. Tingue,
1883	G. D. Mark,	1903	E. C. Reber,
1884	E. A. Taylor,	1905	M. E. Ellis,
1886	G. M. Allen,	1905	J. J. Kelly,
1887	C. W. Bacon,	1906	B. F. Hitchcock.
	ON TRIAL.		
1903	C. E. Pike,	1906	William Newkirk,
1906	Lewis Leonard.		

*List was furnished by C. E. Terrill.

GENESEE CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	Place	Time	President	Secretary
1	Rushford, New York	November 8, 1860	B. T. Roberts	A. A. Phelps
2	Perry, " "	October 24, 1861	"	"
3	Albion, " "	September 18, 1862	"	"
4	Parma Center, " "	October 5, 1863	"	"
5	Akron, " "	September 29, 1864	"	"
6	Albion, " "	October 5, 1865	"	"
7	Allegany, " "	September 27, 1866	*H. Hornsby	"
8	Perry, " "	September 26, 1867	*Asa Abell	"
9	Parma, " "	September 24, 1868	B. T. Roberts	"
10	Johnsonburg, " "	September 30, 1869	*A. F. Curry	W. Jackson
11	Ransomville, " "	September 21, 1870	B. T. Roberts	"
12	West Kendall, " "	September 21, 1871	"	"
13	Rushford, " "	September 18, 1872	"	"
14	Perry, " "	September 8, 1873	"	"
15	Albion, " "	September 24, 1874	"	"
16	Allegany, " "	September 15, 1875	"	S. K. J. Chesbro
17	Parma, " "	September 20, 1876	E. P. Hart	"
18	Jamestown, " "	September 26, 1877	"	"
19	West Kendall, " "	September 18, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
20	Allegany, " "	September 17, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
21	Ransomville, " "	September 22, 1880	B. T. Roberts	"
22	Rushford, " "	September 21, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
23	Albion, " "	September 13, 1882	B. T. Roberts	"
24	Rochester, " "	September 12, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
25	Collins Center, " "	September 17, 1884	B. T. Roberts	"
26	Parma Center, " "	September 16, 1885	E. P. Hart	"
27	Gerry, " "	August 25, 1886	B. T. Roberts	"
28	Akron, " "	September 14, 1887	"	W. Manning
29	Franklinville, " "	September 13, 1888	E. P. Hart	"
30	Albion, " "	September 18, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
31	Gerry, " "	September 24, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
32	Johnsonburg, " "	September 23, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
33	Jamestown, " "	September 28, 1892	G. W. Coleman	"
34	West Kendall, " "	September 27, 1893	W. T. Hogg	"
35	Cattaraugus, " "	September 5, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
36	Buffalo, Virginia Street	September 25, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
37	Albion, New York	September 23, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
38	North Collins, " "	September 15, 1897	E. P. Hart	"
39	Rushford, " "	September 21, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
40	West Kendall, " "	September 5, 1899	B. R. Jones	"
41	Gerry, " "	September 18, 1900	E. P. Hart	"
42	Albion, " "	September 4, 1901	G. W. Coleman	"
43	Jamestown, " "	September 10, 1902	W. A. Sellew	"
44	Niagara Falls, " "	September 23, 1903	B. R. Jones	"
45	Rushford, " "	September 14, 1904	E. P. Hart	W. W. Manning
46	Tonawanda, " "	August 30, 1905	W. T. Hogue	E. C. Reber
47	Buffalo, Virginia Street	September 5, 1906	W. A. Sellew	"

*President pro tem for B. T. Roberts.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—Assessed, $275.94; deficit of 1905, $1.98; paid, $277.92.

PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed, $76.65; deficit of 1905 $1.15; paid, $77.80.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND.—Assessed, $229.95; deficit of 1905, $1.55; paid, $231.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Assessed. $153.30; deficit of 1905, $3.94; paid, $157.24.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, $567.21; deficit of 1905, $5.96; paid, $573.17.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed, $306.60; deficit of 1905, $3.44; paid, $310.04.

General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $245.28.
Children's Fund.—$55.30.
Educational Fund.—$20.94.
Foreign Missions Fund.—$36.53.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT ON OTHER ITEMS.

Balance on hand at last conference, $27.40; surplus of collection for deficits of 1904, 1905 and 1906, $15.23; interest credited in bank book, $1.78. Total, 44.41.

Disbursements: Paid for telegrams, $1; postage, $5.88; one copy of Minutes for Mrs. Loretta Moore, $.35; acknowledgment and clerk's certificate on Sweden property, $.55; counsel fees on Kenyonville property, $25; loan of 1905 from trustees refunded, $5.96. Total, $38.74. Balance on hand, $5.67.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Interest on hand at date of last report, $106.92; interest received during the year, $111 27. Total, $218.19.

Paid per vote of last conference, September 2, 1905, Mrs. Mary Leonard, $25; William Manning, $25; N. Palmer, $5; J. J. Kelly, $8; G. S. Chamberlain, $37; loaned to conference treasurer, $5.96; expenses, $2. Total, $107.96. Balance on hand, $110.13.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'

Your committee on claimants recommend that claimants be paid as follows the ensuing year: Mary A. Leonard, $60; Marcia F. Southworth, $80; Ruth E. Bacon, $150; Gertrude E. Phillips, $30; I. C. White, $150; Mrs. J. Robinson, $150; William Jones, $150; E. Mae Manning, $115; A. A. Burgess, $150; Mrs. Lucinda P. Brown, $150; W. Manning, $150.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS

Your committee on Conference Missions recommend the following appropriations: D. W. Steele, $25; C. W. Thurber, $25; W. Manning, $40; F. A. Perkins, $25; Batavia, $10; C. W. Holliday, $25; F. E. Fitch, $10; C. H. Reed, $12.50; L. F. Clark, $25; G. M. Allen, $12.50; G. S. Chamberlain, $20; A. Lenkerd, $15; N. Palmer, $25; O. C. Blowers, $10; H. J. Wood, $15. Total, $295.

We also recommend that the sum of 20 cents per member be raised during the ensuing year for Conference Missions.

II.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Buffalo District.—$805.90.
Genesee District.—$404.25.
Allegany District.—$317.90.
Chautauqua District.—$433.29.
Collections.—$151.85.
Total, $2,113.78.

III.—ON REFORMS.

The name reform signifies "an amendment of what is defective, vicious, corrupt and depraved."—*Webster*. In this world of ours there are many defects, vices, corruptions and depravities to be amended or created anew in order to bring it from a bad to a good state, or restore to its normal condition.

There are some things, however, so bad in nature and character that it is simply useless to try to amend or correct them, or create or shape them anew. The only thing to be done in such cases is to put them out of existence and give no quarters. Utter extinction of being is its only cure.

The liquor traffic stands out very conspicuously prominent in the list. Many attempts have been made to curtail its evils, but to reform it and make it innocent and respectable has baffled all efforts. Its diabolical nature is such that despite all the carnage and desolation it has wrought, as long as it is allowed a place on earth it will defy all the safeguards thrown around it. It still tramples on the most sacred institutions, secular and religious. The home, the most sacred secular spot on earth, is devastated by the demoniacal traffic in intoxicating beverages, wrecking the bodies, ruining the intellects and damning the souls of its inmates. It debauches the citizen, corrupts the legislator and defies the law. It is a menace to the progress and prosperity of the church of God and the triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. But while we look upon the liquor traffic as the greatest curse of the age, we are led to inquire, Where shall we go for redress or protection from this evil, which is the scourge and curse of the nation? When we read in reports of government officials such expressions given to the trade as: "I will give all information on all

questions in order to bring about a cordial understanding between the government and the trade;" "I am with you, the commissioner of internal revenue is with you, the president is with you; I trust that nothing will occur to disturb the friendly relations now existing between this office (internal revenue office) and your association." The foregoing quotations show somewhat the bearing of government officials toward the traffic. Anti-liquor laws have been enacted at different times, but without a party to enforce them they become a dead letter. However, we are encouraged that a better day is to dawn upon this nation. But ere that day shall come we will rise in our God-given sovereignty, vote with the party that will give us a clean platform of civic righteousness, and welcome the co-operation of all parties who will help us to loosen the tentacles of this incubus from its victims, and by the grace of God ultimately take its life and bury its carcass in eternal oblivion.

The tobacco habit is taking hold of the youth of our nation to an alarming degree with its blighting effects, and rendering the rising generation largely a class of imbeciles, sapping their health, impairing their mind, and stultifying their conscience.

We are glad to see the young people of our church appear so clean from this habit, and trust they will ever remain true to their light and abide by the general rules of the Discipline in this respect, and thereby be both a rebuke and example to the youth who are otherwise inclined.

Plainness of attire among our people should be conscientiously maintained. Paul deemed it necessary in his day to say, "I will that in like manner women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." And the apostle Peter gave advice to Christian women almost in the same words, viz.: "Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

If it was necessary in those days for holy women to adorn themselves thus, and if this was the manner of the holy women of old who trusted in God, it cannot be safe for Christian women of our day to adorn themselves in the superfluities of modern costumes. Let us keep to the old times.

The greed and graft of our times and the disgrace accompanying it should teach us to resist the temptations of covetousness, and pursue our business calling in fairness and honesty between man and man, and be content with such things as we have, realizing with the inspired penman that better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

With the past history of papal Rome, and with more recent utterances of some of the prelates, we would advise our people not to be too sanguine of her pretences towards our protestant institutions, either civil or religious, or the freedom of our country. Her aim is still that of power and authority, and if she could once get it in this country our religious and civil liberties would be a thing of the past. We are astounded at the utterance accredited to President Roosevelt when he is said to have informed the Pope he hoped to see a Roman Catholic president at the head of this government. Is it not time that all protestants should be alert respecting this subtle foe of our liberties? Let us not sleep as do others. Every interest calls on each one to be vigilant and warn the unsuspecting of the possible danger in the future.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

The necessity for an education is more in evidence than ever before. Church, state and commercial interest all demand higher educational efficiency. As a conference we most heartily approve of education. We especially commend the excellent work done by our own institutions of learning. In our church schools hundreds of our young people have been converted and sanctified and established in deep Christian experience. All that our excellent system of public schools have done for our country, our denominational schools have done for us as a church, and more, too, for to a liberal education has been added noble Christian character. In large measure all that our missions have been to the church in building up the work of the denomination, our schools have been, and more, too, for our schools have not only won more converts, but they have also given a training of soul and mind that has enabled the young people of the church to perform with a large degree of success the duties that have devolved upon them in the various fields of human activity, both secular and religious.

In order that our schools may be most beneficial to the church, three things are essential: First, they must be salvation-centers. They must be endued with the evangelistic spirit. Revival fires must continue in full blaze upon their altars. Without this first essential our church schools are a needless duplication of the secular system of education.

The second essential of success in school work is a properly qualified faculty and adequate equipment. The scholarship required for entrance upon the profession of teaching in the secular school is constantly being raised. The same is true of our church schools. But to the higher scholarship must be added deep Christian experience and soundness in church doctrine. Likewise, the larger and more diversified learning of the present age demands a greater amount of equipment. This calls for larger funds.

The third essential of success in education is a sound financial basis. Never before in the history of schools and colleges have such vast sums been given for education. Would our denominational schools maintain the educational efficiency and keep apace with the secular institutions of learning, their financial support must be increased.

Heretofore our schools have been built, equipped and maintained almost entirely by the contributions of individuals, the church as a denomination having provided no regular system for securing funds for the assistance of our schools. We believe as a conference that these institutions, which are accomplishing more for the upbuilding of the church than any other agent outside the ministry, should receive some definite support from the whole denomination. We believe the time is near at hand when there should be added to the conference claims an educational claim. This would provide a definite sum each year for the support of our Christian schools. Such a fund would also furnish a good basis for endowment.

As a conference we would recommend to the coming general conference for its serious consideration the advisability of adding to the conference claims a claim for education, the sum derived therefrom to be handled through the church treasurer as the other church funds, and its sum to be divided among our institutions of learning annually. We would also recommend to the general conference a consideration of the advisability of electing an educational secretary, whose duty should be to procure funds and promote the general welfare of our church schools. Our schools are of inestimable value to the church, and some better method should be devised for their support. The noble work of Chesbrough Seminary, the one school that lies within our own conference, is well and favorably known throughout the whole connection. We desire at this time to make due acknowledgment of the many years of devotion and efficient work performed by Professor and Mrs. B. H. Roberts, as principal and associate principal in building up and maintaining Chesbrough Seminary. We trust as a conference that much of the divine blessing may accompany them to their new field of labor, and we pray that the institution they have so faithfully served and so long directed may continue to prosper and under the divine guidance become even a greater blessing to the church in the future than in the past. We most heartily commend Chesbrough Seminary as a Christian school worthy of our continued patronage and financial support.

V.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Archbishop Whately said very aptly: "The good preacher is the one who has something to say; the poor preacher is the one who has to say something." "Reading makes a full man," says Bacon. The preacher who is to speak twice each Sabbath should be a man who reads. The church stands ready to help him by producing good literature. We desire to commend to our people the interesting volume recently published, written by Rev. W. T. Hogue, "Hymns that are Immortal." This volume is written from a well-versed mind. The reader will be enlightened, interested and his soul uplifted as he reads its pages.

The periodicals of the church should have our continued support. The *Free Methodist* should be in every family, and the pastor should use effort to see that it is. On a membership of 1,776 last year in this conference, 388 copies of the *Free Methodist* were taken. This makes an average of one copy of the *Free Methodist* to four and one-half members. This does not reach the desired mark of one copy to each family represented in the church.

The *Missionary Tidings*, ably edited and attractive, will add materially to the intelligence and spiritual life of every family where it is read.

The Sunday-school literature is excellent, and worthy of wide patronage. We commend the *Earnest Christian*, now one of the oldest religious periodicals. It will benefit and be a blessing to all who read it. Your committee would prefer the request that General Superintendent W. A. Sellew give to the church in book form an account of his missionary journey around the world, as soon as his other duties will permit, assured that it will be of value to the church and a desirable addition to our literature.

VI.—ON MEMOIRS.

WHEREAS, In providence of God our dear brother, Rev. John Robinson, was on the fourth day of February, 1906, translated from the church militant to the church triumphant; and,

WHEREAS, In his departure from among us the church and the community have both sustained a great loss and his home a sad bereavement; therefore,

Resolved, That we, in annual conference assembled, hereby express to the afflicted wife and son our deepest sympathy in this their hour of greatest sorrow.

He was ever a preacher of righteousness, standing by the principles of our holy religion, clear, strong, logical, and giving the gospel trumpet no uncertain sound, "fighting not as one who beateth the air." His strong fort lay in his ability to unify, build up and settle the saints in the word and will of God; and, further,

Resolved, That his purity of life and motive, his sterling integrity characterizing his every motion have been so manifest throughout his entire life and labors, that many in that great day shall rise up and call him blessed.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF GENESEE CONFERENCE

GENESEE AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

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GENESEE DISTRICT	Wm. Pearce, District Elder.																	
Rochester	L. A. Sager, supply	45	15	60	1	..	1	13	86	8	$ 15 54	$ 7 56	$ 8 40	$ 6 30	$ 4 20	$ 6 72	$ 30 47	$ 90 00
Chili	C. C. Eggleston	39	9	48	1	3	1	7	35	13	13 69	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	5 92	44 77	13 57
Parma Center and Clarkson	L. K. Manning	50	7	57	..	..	2	20	76	9	15 17	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	6 56	....	39 49
West Greece and North Parma	J. J. Kelley	29	5	34	..	1	2	6	30	3	9 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	4 00	1 50	36 75
Sweeden and Brockport	M. W. Fuller, supply	1	..	18	..	..	1	5	36	7	6 66	3 24	1 68	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	7 00
Hulberton		5	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 96	1 44	1 60	1 20	80	1 28	.....	.....
Kendall	A. Lenkerd, supply	48	16	64	1	1	2	15	150	8	20 35	7 90	10 00	8 25	5 50	3 80	.....	25 80
Albion	E. A. Taylor	93	7	100	1	..	1	13	100	25	33 30	16 20	18 00	13 50	9 00	14 40	.....	66 72
Gaines, Kenyonville and Oak Orchard	Levi Ecker	55	10	65	1	..	2	10	70	8	15 54	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	6 72	10 00	.....
Batavia, Bethany and Greigsville	H. L. Miner	31	8	39	..	..	1	9	28	4	9 24	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	4 00	7 00	24 77
Alexander		2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BUFFALO DISTRICT	C. W. Bacon, District Elder.																	
Buffalo, (Virginia Street)	F. F. Shoup	68	8	76	1	1	1	12	60	20	20 72	10 08	11 20	6 40	5 60	8 96	.....	236 70
Buffalo, (Potomac Avenue)	J. H. Wheeler	59	19	78	1	..	1	16	150	8	18 50	9 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	8 00	.....	117 58
Buffalo, (Marion Avenue)	W. Manning, supply	17	1	18	..	1	1	9	55	3	6 29	3 06	3 40	2 55	1 70	2 72	.. ....	27 00
Akron	C. H. Reed	42	24	66	..	1	2	14	90	11	12 21	5 94	6 60	4 95	3 30	5 28	.....	49 83
Lockport	E. C. Reber	60	15	65	1	..	1	16	70	13	15 .7	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	6 56	.....	84 52
Pendelton and Shawnee	H. J. Wood	12	3	15	..	..	1	12	37	6	4 81	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	2 08	11 63	10 70
Newfane and Wilson		25	1	26	..	..	1	6	12	5	11 10	3 40	.....	4 50	....	4 80	....	.....
Ransomville	N. B. Martin	49	13	62	..	..	2	16	82	14	18 13	8 82	9 80	7 35	4 40	7 84	10 00	.....
Tonawanda	J. P. Irving	49	4	53	..	..	1	14	78	4	16 65	8 10	9 00	6 75	4 50	7 20	.....	35 92
Niagara Falls	J. F. Franklin	37	6	43	2	..	1	13	57	12	14 80	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	.....	95 18
West Falls and Colden	C. W. Holliday, supply	19	2	21	1	..	..	8	52	7	2 22	1 08	1 20	90	60	96	3 16	.....

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CHAUTAUQUA AND ALLEGANY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALLEGANY DISTRICT	A. H. Bennett, Dist. Elder																	
Allegany and Dutch Hill	G. M. Al'en	30	10	40	1	..	1	5	20	5	$ 16 28	$ 7 92	$ 8 80	$ 6 60	$ 2 16	$ 7 04	....	9 17
Belmont and Ford Brook	C. H. Hatfield, supply	27	4	31	..	..	..	..	..	8	11 47	5 58	2 76	2 87	2 42	4 96	.....	13 00
Bolivar	William Newkirk	19	9	28	..	..	1	7	50	5	5 55	2 70	3 00	2 25	1 50	2 40	....	10 41
East Otto, Ashford and Springville	C. L. Silvernail, supply	39	8	47	1	1	1	8	25	10	14 43	7 02	7 80	5 85	3 90	6 24	.....	10 00
Elton and Yorkshire	G. D. Mark	48	7	5	..	..	2	12	60	16	17 02	8 28	9 20	6 90	4 60	7 36	..	13 70
Perry	L. Barmore	61	5	66	..	..	1	11	59	15	20 72	10 08	11 20	8 40	5 60	8 96	50 00	98 85
Franklinville	L. F. Clark	27	3	30	..	..	1	8	25	12	9 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	4 00	.....	.....
Rushford, Belfast and Rockville	J. H. Harmon, G. S. Chamberlain, supply	60	12	72	..	..	2	11	72	20	24 05	11 70	13 00	9 75	6 50	10 40	18 65	36 15
Johnsonburg and Union Corners	N. Palmer	15	1	16	..	..	2	12	24	5	5 55	2 70	3 00	2 25	1 50	2 40	..	.....
Gainesville and Weathersfield Springs	Charles Pike	34	15	49	2	1	2	13	44	6	13 32	6 84	7 12	5 40	3 60	5 76	.....	14 35
Wales, Town Line and East Aurora	D. W. Steel	24	..	24	1	..	1	4	22	10	12 95	6 80	7 00	5 25	3 50	5 60	.....	16 76
District Meetings																		
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT	J. O. Regan, Dist. Elder																	
Jamestown	Richard Carne, supply	76	8	84	2	..	1	13	150	18	28 12	13 68	15 20	11 40	7 60	12 16	.....	118 94
Forestville and Fredonia	B. F. Hitchcock	42	10	52	..	1	2	10	65	10	16 28	7 92	7 95	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	19 33
Salamanca, Red House, Saw Mill Run	M. E. Ellis	18	5	23	..	..	1	9	70	5	6 66	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	2 88	.....	.....
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek	G. B. Tingue	32	7	39	..	..	1	6	50	7	11 47	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	4 96	.....	101 05
Ellington and East Randolph	Lewis Leonard, supply	40	6	46	1	..	1	8	43	11	16 65	8 10	9 00	6 75	4 50	7 20	...	16 70
Gerry	T. S. Simpson	76	13	89	..	1	1	15	100	23	27 01	13 14	14 60	10 75	7 30	11 68	200 00	122 98
Cattaraugus, New Albion, Little Valley	F. A. Perkins	37	12	49	1	..	1	13	79	12	12 21	5 94	6 60	4 95	3 30	5 28	4 00	.....
Collins Center and Marshfield	O. C. Blowers	27	8	35	..	..	2	16	80	6	8 53	4 14	4 60	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	.....
Gowanda and North Collins	C. W. Thurber	13	1	14	..	..	1	5	19	5	5 92	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	2 56	56	24 21
Silver Creek, North Perryburg, Irving																		
Total		1596	310	1906	18	12	52	420	2413	400	$ 565 85	$ 274 62	$ 292 59	$ 227 67	$146 47	$244 64	$360 54	1610 35

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'th School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GENESEE DISTRICT											
Rochester		$.....	$ 114 90	$ 2 10	$ 850 04	$ 111 53	$1.....	1	$ 5000	1	$ 6000
Chili	$ 1 50	1 50	14 53	.....	351 19	71 53	.....	1	2000	1	550
Parma Center and Clarkson	4 00	5 22	31 60	....	400 09	51 14	.....	2	4000	1	2000
West Genesee and North Parma	1 50	2 69	23 75	..	320 25	47 25	2 00	2	3000	1	1000
Sweeden and Brockport	.....	1 20	15 23	90	284 56	26 55	3 15	2	2400	1	900
Hulberton	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	1 00	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Kendall	1 75	2 85	51 00	2 75	452 00	80 34	5 00	2	5000	1	1500
Albion	....	4 57	55 51	4 50	600 00	101 04	.....	1	8000	1	1400
Gaines, Kenyonville, Oak Orchard	.....	.....	17 62	2 10	431 39	55 18	3 00	2	3000	1	700
Batavia, Bethany and Greigsville	.....	2 00	23 47	1 25	428 14	46 28	5 08	3	3500	1	1600
Alexander	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	2 30	.....	1	400	1	600
District Meetings	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BUFFALO DISTRICT											
Buffalo, (Virginia Street)	2 03	4 02	82 94	2 80	827 00	105 03	.....	1	10000	1	3200
Buffalo, (Potomac Avenue)	2 35	4 42	133 01	2 50	566 33	71 59	38 38	1	5100	1	2700
Buffalo, (Marion Avenue)	.....	1 79	58 70	35	240 21	29 45	.....	1	1400	1	1200
Akron	.....	.....	50 00	1 65	455 00	40 62	.....	1	2000	1	1500
Lockport	.....	3 35	46 58	2 05	551 30	60 68	25 00	1	5000	1	600
Pendelton and Shawnee	.....	1 85	43 42	65	365 33	32 20	.....	1	2500	1	800
Newfane and Wilson	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	27 00	.....	2	3000	1	2500
Ransomville	.....	3 14	26 07	2 45	500 00	44 46	30 00	1	2200	1	1000
Tonawanda	....	3 17	52 26	2 25	577 61	67 10	.....	1	5400	1	2000
Niagara Falls	1 50	3 20	56 83	2 00	700 00	63 25	.....	1	3000	1	1500
West Falls and Colden	2 55	2 25	18 01	30	177 60	25 52	4 50	2	1700	..	.....
District Meetings	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	133 18	.....	..	.....	..	.....
ALLEGANY DISTRICT											
Allegany and Dutch Hill	.....	...	9 35	2 20	286 43	24 00	.....	2	2000	1	1000
Belmont and Ford Brook	.....	...	.....	1 55	60 00	29 68	33 00	3	2500	1	800
Bolivar	.....	..	13 97	.....	300 58	28 00	9 00	1	2000	1	1000
East Otto, Ashford and Springville	.....	48	13 19	1 85	395 95	36 00	60	1	1000	1	1000
Elton and Yorkshire	1 75	.....	26 67	2 30	368 81	48 26	.....	2	1800	2	1600
Perry	.....	4 25	31 43	2 80	529 78	43 83	19 45	1	1500	1	2000
Franklinville	.....	3 00	22 75	1 25	338 49	26 00	.....	1	2000	1	1200
Rushford, Belfast and Rockville	.....	.....	39 89	3 25	580 62	44 10	.....	2	2200	1	800
Johnsonburg and Union Corners	2 00	1 15	21 52	75	280 56	25 12	7 00	2	2000	1	500
Gainesville, Weathersfield Springs	.....	3 00	16 00	1 80	388 39	24 00	.....	2	2600	1	550
Wales, Town Line, East Aurora	.....	.....	15 00	1 75	257 12	40 40	8 88	2	1500	1	700
District Meetings	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	69 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT											
Jamestown	.....	3 47	156 61	3 80	701 58	86 26	5 08	1	2500	1	2000
Forestville and Fredonia	.....	.....	23 90	2 20	357 21	52 25	.....	2	3200	1	800
Salamanca, Red House and Saw Mill Run	....	.....	25 00	90	358 93	36 00	.....	1	1000	1	650
South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek	..	....	15 48	1 55	330 00	42 50	8 50	2	2500	1	1000
Ellington and East Randolph	.....	...	14 00	....	301 50	40 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
Gerry	.....	3 47	60 63	.....	460 68	58 56	8 14	1	1700	1	1000
Cattaraugus, New Albion, Little Valley	.....	3 00	30 15	1 65	425 00	40 10	.....	2	2200	.....	.....
Collins Center and Marshfield	.....	.....	29 00	...	395 52	37 24	.....	2	1500	1	800
Gowanda and North Collins	.....	.....	9 09	80	264 22	28 17	.....	2	3600	1	1200
Silver Creek, North Perrysburg, Irving	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
District Meetings	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233 06	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$20 94	$68 34	$1488 76	$67 30	16584 32	$2151 37	$ 215 76	63	$ 114600	40	$52350

Raised for tracts: Lockport $12,00; Buffalo, Marion Avenue 30 cents; Hulberton 50 cents; Cattaraugus $2.00.

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Session, held at West Plains, Missouri, October 4-7, 1906

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

MEDAH BURNAP, *Secretary.* W. C. BOSTIAN, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. C. Bostian.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. C. Bostian, M. N. Henry.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—Eliza Witherspoon.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. M. Roberson, for four years; W. C. Bostian, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. C. Bostian, president, Beebe, Arkansas; M. N. Henry, treasurer, Hot Springs, Arkansas; J. M. Talkington, secretary, Antioch, Arkansas.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Missions, (15 cents), and Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Bostian, N. T. Holcomb, J. M. Roberson.

DELEGATES

James M. Talkington, P. M. Shipley, A. H. Chevalley, M. N. Henry, Eliza C. Witherspoon.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. C. Bostian, M. N. Henry.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? M. N. Henry, P. M. Shipley.

4. Who remain on trial? M. F. Showalters.

5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

6. Who are the deacons? M. N. Henry (local).

8. Who have located this year? A. Maxfield, according to ¶ 84 and ¶ 85 of the Discipline.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? N. T. Holcomb.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16–20. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Antioch, Arkansas, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1907, as is convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in the Free Methodist church in West Plains, Missouri. Three harmonious sittings were held, Rev. B. R. Jones, presiding.

Martin N. Henry, a local preacher, was elected to deacon's orders and ordained on Sunday.

W. C. Bostian and Miss Dedah Burnap were elected delegates to general conference, and N. T. Holcomb and J. M. Talkington reserves.

On motion it was ordered that the General Mission Board be requested to appropriate $100 to the district elder of the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Fairplay and Nevada District—W. C. Bostian, District Elder.

Fairplay.....F. D. Coss, supply
Nevada.....M. F. Showalters
Zodiac.....To be supplied
Joplin and Webb City.....Nancy Hamrick, supply
Neosho.....Eliza Witherspoon, Ollie Dyer, supplies
Phelps and Monet.....Wesley Webb, supply
Butler.....Colon J. Smith, supply

A. Maxfield, located, membership fixed at Fairplay, Missouri.

West Plains District—W. C. Bostian, District Elder.

West Plains and Mountain View.....Dedah and Medah Burnap, supplies
Mammoth Springs and Big Apple.....To be supplied
Harrison, Mt. Zion and Pleasant Ridge.....P. M. Shipley

N. T. Holcomb, supernumerary; J. M. Roberson, supplying work at Boulder, Colorado.

Beebe and Hot Springs District—W. C. Bostian, District Elder.

Vilonia and Holland.....J. A. Shambler, supply
Hot Springs and Hot Springs Mission.....M. N. Henry
Antioch circuit.....J. M. Talkington, supply

W. C. Bostian, member of Beebe and Hot Springs district quarterly conference.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Pentecostal Rescue Home of Hot Springs, Missouri, is under the supervision of the pastor of Hot Springs charge, Free Methodist church, and the district elder of Hot Springs district, and

WHEREAS, Much good is being done by this mission in rescuing the perishing and helping the needy, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to said mission our endorsement and recommend it to the support of the church and to all interested in such work.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA, WEST PLAINS, BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICTS.

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA DISTRICT	J. M. Roberson, Dist. Elder																	
Fairplay											$	$	$	$	$	$	$	
Nevada	M. F. Showalters	15	2	17		1	1	4	12	2	2 59	1 26		1 22	1 21	45		
Zodiac	G. W. and Dora Slutbour	8	4	12		2				1	2 11	1 64		1 95	1 30	48		
Joplin and Webb City	Wesley Webb	6	3	9	2					2	84	54		80	45	65		
Neosho	Eliza C. Witherspoon, supply	16	1	17		3	1	5	14	7	6 29	3 06	2 68	3 40	1 70	2 72	10 00	
Phelps and Monett	Nancy Hamrick	10	5	15	2	2	1	5	20	3	4 10	91		1 40			75	
Butler	Colon J. Smith	5		5			1	7	20	2	2 59	1 26		1 22	1 21	1 12		
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT	J. M. Roberson, Dist. Elder																	
West Plains and Mountain View	Dedah and Medah Burnap	19	4	23	2		1	3	18	1	3 33	3 96		2 95	2 06	2 60	90	
Mammoth Springs and Big Apple																		
Harrison, Mt. Zion and South Ridge	N. T. Holcomb	11	3	14	2						7 75							
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT	J. M. Roberson, Dist. Elder																	
Vilonia and Holland	J. A. Shamblee	65	2	67	5		1	8	104	1	32 46	8 64	11 82	7 20	4 80			
Hot Springs and Hot Springs Mission	W. C. Bostian	18	3	21	1	2	1	6	25	6	2 25	3 06		68	1 00	1 00		
Antioch Circuit	James M. Talkington	42	2	44			2	10	100	1	2 80	1 00		4 20	2 25	2 50		
Total		215	29	244	14	10	9	48	313	26	$ 67 11	$ 25 33	$ 14 50	$ 25 02	$15 98	$12 44	$ 11 65	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA DISTRICT											
Fairplay	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$		$
Nevada			6 17	77	13 12	13 80	12 95				
Zodiac				1 00	16 00		19 00				
Joplin and Webb City				20	3 20	18 56	21 52				
Neosho	2 00	1 75	16 70	90	175 35	24 25	9 03	1	600	1	150
Phelps and Monett	1 00	3 80	4 28		89 64			1	600		
Butler			5 15	77	15 82						
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT											
*West Plains and Mountain View			5 68	25	94 57	19 10		1	650		
Mammoth Springs and Big Apple											
Harrison, Mt. Zion, South Ridge					12 00						
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT											
Vilonia			39 75		80 00	41 57					
†Hot Springs, Hot Springs Mission		1 50	12 00		237 85	21 23	39 00	1	800		
Antioch Circuit		1 00	4 10	1 12	100 00	18 00		1	250		
Total	$ 3 00	$ 8 05	$ 94 23	$ 5 01	$ 837 55	$ 156 51	$ 101 50	5	$ 2900	1	$ 150

*Received from Missionary Board $150.00.
†Received from Missionary Board $45.00.
Tracts 70 cents.

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Tarentum, Pennsylvania, October 3-7, 1906

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

J. F. SILVER, *Secretary.* J. N. GRACE, *Assistant Secretary.*

H. A. BALDWIN, *Assistant Secretary.* J. P. FOY, *Statistical Secretary*

J. B. EASTON, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, Albert Wilson, H. L. Speer, William Hodge,

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. H. O'Bryon.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sabbath-schools—J. H. Whiteman, H. L. Abbott, W. G. Long.

On Publications—Albert Wilson, L. C. Andre, S. H. Funkhouser.

On Reforms—H. A. Baldwin, C. L. Wright, E. E. Harford.

On Education—J. F. Silver, E. E. Shelhamer, M. Flocker.

On Memoirs—Albert Wilson, Oliver Gornall, A. D. Zahniser.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—S. F. Heilman, T. R. Wayne, A. F. Faust.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, A. D. Zahniser, R. H. Bentley, M. Flocker, T. J. Baldrige.

On Reporting for the Press—H. L. Abbott.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Whiteman, time expires 1907; H. A. Baldwin, E. E. Shelhamer, time expires 1908; W. W. Spiker, D. W. Rose, time expires 1909.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Silver, A. D. Zahniser, J. N. Grace, M. Flocker, T. J. Baldrige.

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J. F. Silver, W. W. Spiker, T. A. Nail, H. L. Abbott, J. N. Grace.

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A. D. Zahniser, J. B. Easton, J. N. Grace, J. F. Silver, H. C. Glossar, G. B. Lambert, T. M. Ricard, H. H. Baxter, R. H. Bentley, Albert Wilson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—S. F. Heilman. *On Reforms*—D. W. Rose.

On Publications—E. E. Shelhamer. *On Education*—J. N. Grace.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

T. R. Wayne.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: A. D. Zahniser, J. B. Easton, Albert Wilson. Reserve: J. F. Silver, Oliver Gornall.

Lay: T. J. Baldrige, H. L. Abbott, T. A. Nail. Reserve: M. Flocker, E. E. Harford.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), and Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents) and Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (37 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents) and Evangelists' Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Laura Lamb, president, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania; Mrs. A. D. Zahniser, first vice-president, 7 Catherine street, 32 Ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Alma Miller, second vice-president, Apollo, Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. B. Easton, corresponding secretary, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania; Mrs. D. W. Rose, recording secretary, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. H. L. Speer, treasurer, 108 West Tenth avenue, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Jeremiah Barnhart,	R. H. Bentley,	W. A. Sellew,	A. D. Zahniser,
T. R. Wayne,	E. E. Shelhamer,	J. B. Easton,	H. A. Baldwin,
L. C. Andre,	A. F. Faust,	J. F. Silver,	H. L. Speer,
Albert Wilson,	W. G. Long,	Adam Lenkerd,	W. W. Spiker,
J. W. Howard,	C. W. Stamp,	Benjamin Hosbach,	D. G. Shirer,
C. F. Johnston,	J. H. Whiteman,	J. P. Foy,	F. W. Bœttner,
G. C. Wadding,	R. N. Large,	G. L. Coughron,	Oliver Gornall,
C. H. Miller,	C. L. Wright,	J. W. McIntosh,	F. E. Glass,
S. F. Heilman,	D. W. Rose,	H. H. O'Bryon,	C. H. Mason,
W. W. Blossom,	J. N. McKim,	J. N. Grace.	

DELEGATES

Mrs. Ellen Carnep,	W. I Scott,	William Jeffries,	Mrs. M. A. Baxter,
John P. Fish,	Clara B. Dawson,	C. H. Burnside,	J. W. Vangilder,
E. E. Harford,	H. L. Abbott,	W. H. Brubaker,	Mrs. Sarah Whiteman,
Elmer E. Finley,	Wilson Davis,	T. J. Baldrige,	Miss Vina Palmer,
Thomas A. Nail,	M. Flocker,	George W. Ramage,	Emma Gillinger,
William Hodge,	Edward Wolfe,	David Shirey,	S. H. Funkhouser,
Elizabeth Stewart,	Drusilla Rink,	Grant Funk,	J. W. McCracken,
Mary Gillespie,	Brooks Morgan,	Thomas Morrow,	William Braddee,
S. H. Jackson,	Stella Gunder,	Lizzie Cooper,	L. A. Southworth,
H. W. Hodge,	W. J. Reed,	H. H. Baxter,	Mary L. Piper.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, Albert Wilson, Oliver Gornall, H. A. Baldwin, E. E. Shelhamer, H. L. Abbott, S. H. Funkhouser, T. A. Nail, E. E. Harford, Brooks Morgan, T. J. Baldrige.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. L. Duncan, L. N. Campbell, H. W. Hodge.

4. Who remain on trial? E. L. Garrow, E. R. Smith, E. M. Adair, W. B. Harris, Oliver Atkinson, A. C. Tanner, N. L. Smith, J. R. Main.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. N. Grace.

6. Who are the deacons? Benjamin Hosbach, G. L. Coughron, R. N. Large, H. H. O'Bryon, C. H. Mason, J. N. McKim, W. W. Blossom, J. N. Grace.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. L. Wright.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. L. Coughron.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? Jeremiah Barnhart, F. E. Glass, D. G. Shirer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing, with a view to transfer to another conference? A. C. Tanner, on trial, given certificate of relation, supply in Oil City conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. E. Glass, $70; Harriet D. Showers and child, $45. Total, $115.00.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $233.44.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See statistical report and treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Kittanning, Pennsylvania, as near the first of October, 1907, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

Pittsburg District—A. D. Zahniser, District Elder, 7 Catherine Street, 32 Ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Mt. Washington.....R. H. Bentley, 13 Fort street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
" East End..... J. N. McKim, 8212 Frankstown avenue, " "
" West End.....E. L. Garrow, 602 Stuben street, " "
" Glenwood avenue .....Benjamin Hosbach
" Anderson street.....To be supplied
" Providence Mission .....
.....F. W. McClelland, supply, 24 Sycamore street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
McKeesport .....J. N. Grace, 314 Patterson avenue, McKeesport, "
Braddock.....*Laura Lamb, supply, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, "
Carnegie.....W. S. Mack, supply, 609 Washington avenue, Carnegie, "
McDonald and Cannonsburg.....*Lulu Nixon, supply
Kittanning.....C. L. Wright, 1513 Johnston avenue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania
New Kensington, Verona and Rosston .....L. C. Andre
Smithton and Collinsburg..... J. C. Rose, Edna Rose, supplies
Monongahela City, Courtney and Belle Vernon..Elmer Finley, supply; one to be supplied
Whittaker..... .....*Sarah E. Howard, supply
Lewis Run..... .....To be supplied

Walter A. Sellew, general superintendent, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York; C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; Adam Lenkerd, supplying work in the Genesee conference; Jeremiah Barnhart, superannuated, Colville, Washington; F. E. Glass, superannuated.

Rochester District—J. F. Silver, District Elder, 928 Eighth Avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Beaver Falls.....*Elizabeth Stewart, supply, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania
New Brighton.....D. W. Rose, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, "

Rochester and Pleasant Valley, H. A. Baldwin, 466 E. Madison St., Rochester, Pennsylvania
Monaca ..... *Etta W. Baldwin, supply
Frankfort ..... *Rosella E. Adair, supply, Hookstown, R. F. D. 2, Pennsylvania
Hookstown ..... Edna M. Swearingen, supply, Hookstown, "
Chester, West Virginia ..... A. F. Faust, Chester, West Virginia
Oakland and Ohioville ..... Oliver Atkinson
East Liverpool and Wellsville ..... W. G. Long, 161 Cadmus street, East Liverpool, Ohio
Irondale, Ohio ..... J. W. McIntosh, Irondale, "
Empire and Akeyville ..... Jessie Jackson, supply, Irondale, "
Lazearville and Mingo Junction ..... R. N. Large, Lazearville, West Virginia
Bridgeport and Neff ..... E. R. Smith, Bridgeport, Ohio

C. F. Johnston, supernumerary, attending school, Greenville, Illinois; D. G. Shirer, superannuated, Rochester, Pennsylvania.

Greensburg District—Oliver Gornall, District Elder, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Fairchance ..... J. H. Whiteman, Fairchance, Pennsylvania
Glendale and Emme Hall ..... J. H. Spears, supply, Haydentown, "
Cove Run, Cool Spring and West Brownsville ..... S. F. Heilman, Percy, "
Uniontown ..... T. R. Wayne, Uniontown, "
Indiana ..... G. C. Wadding, Indiana, "
Black Lick and Homer City ..... Clara Foy, supply, Blairsville, "
Blairsville, Bolivar and Armagh ..... J. P. Foy, Blairsville, "
Jeannette and Greensburg ..... E. M. Adair, Jeannette, "
Mt. Pleasant and New Haven ..... A. L. Duncan, Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, "
Arona ..... Eva Young, supply, Arona, "

G. L. Coughron, supernumerary, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

West Penn District—Albert Wilson, District Elder, Apollo, R. F. D. 4, Pennsylvania.

Avonmore and Perrysville ..... C. H. Mason, Avonmore, Pennsylvania
Apollo ..... C. H. Miller, Apollo, "
Vandergrift, Laurel Point and Shelhamer church ..... To be supplied
Vandergrift Heights ..... J. B. Easton, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania
Leechburg and Bagdad ..... F. W. Bœttner, Leechburg, "
Tarentum and Birdville ..... H. L. Speer, 108 West Tenth avenue, Tarentum, "
Hite and Harwick ..... H. H. O'Bryon, Hites, "
Butler ..... W. W. Spiker, 649 Brown avenue, Butler, "
Mars and Callery ..... J. R. Main

Atlanta (Georgia) District—Albert Wilson, District Elder.

Atlanta ..... H. W. Hodge
Gainsville ..... W. E. Young, Tabula Young, supplies
Griffin ..... Miss Mary Arnold, supply
Rockmart and New Lebanon ..... W. B. Harris, Eula Harris, supply
Macon and Bolingbroke ..... Miss Bettie Tyler, supply
Marietta ..... Mrs. May Garrow, supply
Birmingham, Alabama ..... N. L. Smith, Bertha Smith, supply

E. E. Shelhamer, evangelist; A. C. Tanner, transferred to the Oil City conference.

West Virginia District—J. W. Howard, District Elder, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Morgantown and Delslow ..... Rossalette Ullom, supply
Fairmount and Monongah ..... To be supplied
Catawba, Mt. Sharon, Samaria and McConkey ..... L. N. Campbell
Hendricks and Elkins ..... Brooks Morgan, supply, Hendricks, West Virginia

W. W. Blossom, left without appointment, ¶ 84 and ¶ 85 of the Discipline.

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*Conference evangelist.

LOCAL PREACHERS

See list of appointments for supplies, which are not repeated.

*Bailey, T. H.....10 Bailey avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Baldrige, T. J.....Apollo, Pennsylvania
Baxter, H. H...McCargo street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.
*Boddy, J. T.....Lincoln Place, Pennsylvania.
Brubaker, W. H..... Salina, R. F. D., 7, Pennsylvania.
Burnett, Evans.....Greenville, Texas
Davenport, Joseph.... Smithton, Pennsylvania.
Delbridge, George.....Munhall, Pennsylvania.
Donaldson, John W...Hites, Pennsylvania
Fetty, J. W.....Fairmont, West Virginia
Finley, Albert.....West Newton, Pennsylvania.
Fish, J. P.....Hites, Pennsylvania
Fish, Samuel.....Hites, "
Flocker, M..... Vanport, "
Grafton, W. F.....Chester, West Virginia
Jackson, S. H.....Chester, " "
King, J. C..... Uniontown, Pennsylvania
Kisner, J. P...Catawba, R. F. D. 28, West Virginia.
†Kolb, Edward....80 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
*Lambert, G. B...706 Fairview avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
Lear, Alfred.... Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania.
Nail, T. A..622 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
Palm, William... ... Maple avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
*Retzer, Fred.....West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania.
Roberts, John .....Gerry, New York
Ross, J. H.....741 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
Sellers, F. B..... 408 Walker avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
Simons, Albert....Bailey avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Singleton, T. C.....Hites, Pennsylvania
Southworth, L. A..10 Catherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Stout, Nathan...117 Ravine street, East Liverpool, Ohio.
VanGilder, F. L.....R. F. D. 28, Catawba, West Virginia.

*Deacon †Elder.

EVANGELISTS

Arnold, Jennie.....Atlanta, Georgia
Bergman, Elizabeth.....Tarentum, Pennsylvania.
Bœttner, Mrs. Jennie...Leechburg, Pennsylvania.
Boger, Ella..... 8 Catherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Burlingame, Stella...Fairmont, West Virginia.
Dawson, Cora....314 Dunmire street, Grafton, West Virginia.
Duffy, Fanny...Lazearville, West Virginia
Eastor, Edna E....332 Main street, Wellsville, Ohio.
Fetty, Alice J....Fairmont, West Virginia
Gornall, Phœbe..Blairsville, Pennsylvania
Grace, Lydia A..... 314 Patterson avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.
Heiskell, Lillie...Fairmont, West Virginia
‡Leonard, Mary Elliott....Vanport, Pennsylvania.
Mason, Margaret....Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania.
Moreland, Mrs. E. C.....332 Main street Wellsville, Ohio.
Robinson, Bessie.....Robinson P. O., Pennsylvania.
Rose, Mrs. D. W.....527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.
‡Shirer, Ida M..... Rochester, Pennsylvania
‡Southworth, Lena.....10 Catherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
‡Stewart, Elizabeth.....Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.
†Spiker, Mrs. Cora.....649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
‡Stamp, Mrs. C. W.....14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.
Shelhamer, Julia A..... Atlanta, Georgia
VanGilder, Addie..... .Grafton, R. F. D. 3, West Virginia.
VanGilder, Olie.....Catawba, R. F. D. 28, West Virginia.
Wayne, Frances M.... Uniontown, Pennsylvania.
Young, Mrs. W. E.....Gainesville, Georgia

‡Conference evangelist.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth annual session was held in the Y. M. C. A. building, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, October 3-7, 1906. Six sittings were held—one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, two each on Friday and Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: L. D. Perkins of the Genesee, C. E. Baird of the Central Illinois, F. N. Fox and

wife of the Oil City. F. F. Shoup of the Genesee, J. Cavnaugh of the New York and A. H. M. Zahniser of the Oil City conferences.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided with his usual ability and conducted business with precision and dispatch. His counsels were very helpful, his missionary address was excellent, and his sermons were sermons indeed. They were eloquent, convincing and highly spiritual.

The spiritual part of the conference exceeded anything we have witnessed in the past. During the week the spiritual tone was excellent, and the pleading of sinners and the shouting of saints were an inspiration to the stationing committee in an adjoining room, and gave evidence that the preaching was with power.

Rev. R. H. Bentley, led the love feast Sabbath morning, and the Holy Ghost filled the place. The tide ran high. Scores arose and praised God with loud voices. Backsliders fell and cried for mercy. In the aisles, between the seats, and in the galleries unsaved were on their knees. An altar was hastily arranged and quickly filled, and an effort to count the seekers throughout the building proved futile. There was no time for preaching. The community was stirred, and afternoon and night congregations filled the large building to its capacity.

Many benevolent offerings were taken and the financial part of the conference was gratifying.

Brother H. L. Speer labored faithfully in providing accommodations and is deserving of much credit. We shall remember with pleasure the hospitality extended from the various homes in which we were entertained.

The appointments were well received and we departed for our fields of labor with stronger determination to work and pray that we shall be able when we meet again, to report another and a larger harvest of souls.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Church Extension Fund.—Assessed and paid, $145.90.
General Missions Fund.—Assessed and paid, $218.85.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $262.62.
Permanent Fund.—Assessed and paid, $72.95.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $539.83.
Conference Missions.—Assessed and paid, $218.85.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Assessed and paid, $233.44.
Children's Fund.—$25.60.
Educational Fund.—$10.09.
Foreign Missions.—$3.43.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Mrs. Nancy Riley was born in Johnstown, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, and died at the home of her daughter in Braddock, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1906.

"Mother Riley," as she was often called, was converted early in life but later suffered some decline in her Christian experience. She was reclaimed and sanctified under the preaching of our senior general superintendent, E. P. Hart. Sister Riley was a woman of strong character, of deep piety, unswerving in her adherence to conviction and principle. The *Gazette Times*, of Pittsburg, in an obituary called her a "pillar of Methodism," and she was such in the church. Right well did she keep her vow to "attend upon all the ordinances of God." Her love for God's house was of the same type as that of David when he said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Sister Riley would never commence anything during the day which would be likely to keep her from the house of God on prayer-meeting night. She was visiting at her daughter's the Tuesday night before she was afflicted with her final illness, and was ailing at the time. Her daughter urged her to remain until the next day but she replied: "It is my prayer-meeting night, it is my duty to go." She said at one time that the Lord was lengthening her life that she might cement the work together in Braddock. We believe she was right and her work has been well done.

Sister Riley took a motherly interest in all the preachers and workers of the conference, and she delighted in ministering to their necessities. It is not so much her age as her acts which entitle her to the appellation, "Mother Riley." Sister Riley had a depth of Christian experience which very few possess. She was clearly saved, definitely sanctified and enjoyed a repose of soul that nothing could disturb. With her the sentiments of that hymn were actual experience where it says,

"Content with beholding His face,
My all to His pleasure resigned,
No changes in season or place
Can make any change in my mind.

While blest with a sense of His love
A palace a toy would appear,
And prisons would palaces prove
If Jesus would dwell with me there."

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

That man can not live by bread alone, is just as much a fact to-day as when Jesus parried the attack and gave his antagonist the home thrust in the wilderness of Judea. Dormancy of mind, like the companions of the man that went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, leave the man half dead. Man is dual in nature; if the whole man is to be nourished the soul must be taken into account, and the only way to reach the soul is by its mouth, the mind.

First among the list of our publications is the holy Bible, God's revealed will to man; and this, we trust, by God's grace, we are publishing and shall continue to publish from the rivers to the ends of the sea, not by printing the Bible, which is a grand work, but by sustaining as pilgrims the same relation to God as did the Corinthians to whom Paul wrote when he said, "Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ, not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God." As ministers, let us hold to God's word in preaching, choosing to be "Bible Men and Women" rather than "teachers having itching ears," who tell their dreams, spin their syllogisms, rehash newspaper gossip and make their æronautic exhibitions while their hearers dreamily wend their way downward. "If a man have a dream let him tell a dream, but he that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully."

As pilgrims, let the Bible be our hand book in our homes. Read it systematically, by course, and above all read it carefully and prayerfully. The Free Methodist Discipline should be in every family in our beloved Zion and should be frequently consulted and carefully heeded. In selecting your reading matter the *Free Methodist* should form a part of your mental, moral and spiritual diet: its weekly visit to your home will leave you a stronger man in God and a more intelligent Free Methodist. There are many Sabbath-school helps and papers but to our mind none quite so good as our own product. We believe that all of our schools should take them, enjoy them, and bless their neighbors with them.

Your committee would not close its report without calling attention to the "Light and Life Song Book" and our time tested and God honored Free Methodist Hymn Book, the former of which is especially adapted to Sabbath-school work. In this field it has no peers and very few equals. However, we would not encourage the use of the Light and Life Songs or any other collection in our regular services to the exclusion of the Free Methodist Hymn Book. To make such a change would be a sad loss to our worship. In our humble estimation there is no book in print to day that contains as much of Christian experience and divine truth expressed in song and melody as is found between the lids of the Free Methodist Hymn Book. The "old corn" has staying qualities not to be found in the new.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

While we admit that in the nominal church education has to a great extent become a substitute for the baptism with the Holy Ghost, we do not believe that a holy ministry should be uneducated. It is true that in some instances advanced learning is associated with little spirituality and limited success, but the failure is usually found in the experience of the individual rather than in his education. Touching the influence of educational attainments we find that some of the most learned men were humble in spirit and modest in deportment. Pride and affected learning are more frequently marks of ignorance than of education. Surely holy men ought to be more successful in their ministry when they have the additional advantage of a good education. However, some may depend too much upon their education, and too little upon God. We believe with Dr. Adam Clarke that "we need to study our sermons as though there were no God to help us, and then preach our sermons as though there were nothing but God to depend upon." In searching the libraries of learning we would say with Charles Spurgeon: "Let the Bible be thy standard classic; let its light be thine illumination; and then shalt thou become more wise than Plato, more truly learned than the seven sages of antiquity."

Let us view the subject of education more particularly from a denominational point of view. With the retirement from the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary of the long and honorable career of Prof. B. H. Roberts, we feel honored that General Superintendent Walter A. Sellew, a member of our conference, has been elected to the presidency. To the faculty and patrons of the institution we commend him as a man of eminent ability and deep piety. As a patronizing conference of this seminary we rejoice to welcome as principal Prof. D. S. Warner. His ability as an educator, together with his genuine piety as a man of God, has endeared him to the church. We feel confident that renewed impetus will be felt in all departments of this excellent school. We earnestly advise our people to patronize this thorough and spiritual seminary when selecting a school for the education of their children. We believe that the educational facilities are equal to those of the best schools of equal

rank to be found anywhere in the land, and we are sure that the spiritual tone of our denominational schools, a consideration of vital importance, is superior. To those who desire to obtain a liberal education under spiritual surroundings we believe there is no college to be recommended so highly as our denominational institution at Greenville, Illinois.

With reference to the course of study for traveling preachers, we desire to express our appreciation of the printed lists as sent out by the committee appointed by the last general conference. We have found the questions to be well chosen and no adverse criticism has been heard. We recommend a continuance of the present system. On the part of local preachers and evangelists there has been in some places a negligence in taking up the course of study outlined for their advancement. We urge them to take up the course of study prescribed and we are confident that in so doing they will derive great profit. Let all the preachers observe faithfully the recommendation of the Discipline relative to preaching on Christian education and taking offerings for the same.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an institution of comparatively recent origin. The essential elements of a Sunday-school were found among the ancient Israelites, for we read these words of Moses: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6: 7). Through the early Christian church and the Reformation down to the present time the Bible school has taken advanced steps until now we have it in its present well developed state. Rev. J. H. Vincent gives the following definition of a Sunday-school: "The Sunday-school is a department of the church of Christ, in which the word of Christ is taught, for the purpose of bringing souls to Christ, and of building up souls in Christ."

The Sunday-school is a department of the church, and it is responsible to the church and looks up to the church for fostering care. It is a school. It is unlike any other public religious service in that it adopts the teaching methods, and the great Head of the church in dispensing the divers gifts for the perfecting of the saints has not forgotten the teachers. It is a Sunday-school. It meets on the Lord's day and should be sacred and spiritual. It teaches the word. It has only one text book—the holy Scriptures—as inspired by holy men of God and every lesson should center in Christ. The Sunday-school should have a purpose. First, last, and all the time its aim should be to lead souls to Christ, and having succeeded here its work is just begun. Its purpose, then, should be to build up souls in Christ. This does away with the excuse that the Sunday-school is only for children. Having brought a soul to Christ the systematic study of God's word will help to develop the Christian character, and unless we have reached maturity the Sunday-school will be a means of grace to all.

For the success of the Sunday-school much depends upon the home. The attendance is controlled by the home. There would be fewer absent from Sunday-school, and few late, if parents would do their duty. The church needs the Sunday-school and never can dispense with it. It is important that this department drift not into a form of godliness, denying the power thereof. Above all things our schools should be spiritual and to this end let only spiritual teachers and officers be employed. We love the Sunday school and we pray for its success, but no sooner have we said amen and turned our face from the throne of grace than we behold a great hindrance. From every quarter there comes a cry for more teachers. It is a sad scene to see little ones gather in the house of God to be taught his word, and no one to teach them, while a number of pilgrims sit idly at home. We deplore the lethargy of the laity on this line and exhort them to use their latent talents for God and souls lest they be guilty at the judgment.

We make special mention of the district Sabbath-school associations organized in the last year. Believing them to be an inspiration to the work in general we exhort the districts not yet organized to give the matter prompt attention. We recommend the election of a conference Sunday-school secretary, and to the tireless officers and teachers we bid a hearty God speed. Go in love and in the spirit of the Master. Endeavor to be always on time. Go well prepared. Labor for the conversion of each scholar. Be not weary in well doing. Patiently toil on, and in due time you shall reap if you faint not.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PITTSBURG DISTRICT											
Kittanning	$ 1 56	$ 2 27	$ 29 29	$ 3 25	$ 613 00	$ 84 04	$ 125 00	1	$ 3000	1	1600
Pittsburg and Mt. Washington			86 10	3 70	584 13	116 89	101 90	1	8000		
McKeesport	3 28		90 00	2 00	724 26	118 40	21 58	1	3500	1	3700
East End, Pittsburg		4 00	112 58	2 40	783 67	97 57		1	8000		
Glenwood and Whitaker			75 33	1 35	586 99	141 69	91 28	2	6300		
West End, Pittsburg			60 81	90	560 75	45 55		1	4000	1	1000
Smithton and Collinsburg	20	25	25 40		200 00	36 50		2	3000		
Anderson Street, Pittsburg				65	133 00	47 35		1	3000		
Braddock			21 26		316 14	71 76	12 00	1	4000	1	3000
Belle Vernon											
Cannonsburg and Washington					122 13	17 60					
Carnegie and McDonald			42 68	75	189 60	60 32	3 00	1	1600		
Monongahela and Courtney				95	65 00	18 25					
Lewis Run				05	88 05	14 99	3 60	1	500		
Verona and New Kensington					40 00	14 85					
Rosston and Ford City				65	132 65	14 70					
ROCHESTER DISTRICT											
New Brighton	12 71		127 16	3 50	688 10	116 02	10 03	1	2000	1	3000
Rochester, Monaca, Pleasant Valley	1 10		102 00	3 40	875 00	126 01		3	5000	1	1000
East Liverpool and Oakland Grove			113 07	1 90	529 68	104 48	10 31	2	6000		
Lazearville and Mingo Junction			79 03	1 90	610 00	100 67	10 00				
Bridgeport			27 00	1 40	516 83	75 02		1	2000		
Irondale and Ohioville		5 47	53 29	1 65	482 06	72 36	1 07	2	2500		
Hockstown			53 00	1 30	334 28	60 50		1	1000		
Chester		2 00	36 37	1 20	480 00	60 00		1			
Beaver Falls			19 63		143 46	51 59					
Frankfort Springs					515 51	22 03	102 80				
GREENSBURG DISTRICT											
Fairchance	50	50	62 76	2 65	665 00	108 02	60 64	1	1500	1	1000
Cove Run, Coal Spring, W. Br'ville	1 00	48 00	2 50	385 37	86 66		3	2600	1	500	
Blairsville, Bolivar and Armagh			28 42	2 20	587 00	99 00	6 00	3	3750	1	2500
Mt. Pleasant and Arona				1 60	385 00	60 29		2	3600	1	1500
Jeannette and Greensburg			52 31	1 25	473 56	51 92	4 26	1	3000		
Glendale			16 81	1 05	283 93	45 40		1	800		
Uniontown	1 00	1 00	31 70		235 70	39 21	4 00				
Indiana		2 50	18 57	1 05	385 50	63 31		1	1200		
Black Lick and Homer City			4 50	95	39 00	12 52	10 00	1	1000		
WEST PENN DISTRICT											
Butler		7 90	170 75	4 25	724 20	137 72	15 00	1	2600	1	2400
Vandergrift Heights	5 00	3 50	105 44	3 70	740 00	135 78	60 36	2	5600	1	2000
Apollo		3 43	61 17	2 20	524 10	74 61	17 00	1	2500		
Avonmore and Perrysville			34 98	1 10	563 26	53 49		1	1600		
Leechburg and Bagdad		2 00	67 42	1 50	458 87	50 00		2	2500		
Mars and Callery			30 10	75	68 34			1	1700		
Tarentum		3 00	79 46		650 00	116 67	120 37	1	7000		
Hites		1 80	46 43	1 15	615 01	51 65		1	2500	1	1500
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT											
Monongah				20	57 33	4 00					
Fairmont				25		10 70					
Catawba and Mt. Sharon			12 00	1 85	490 95	50 00	25 00	4	4000		
Beulah			12 00		126 33	30 30					
Hendricks and Elkins			10 28	40	314 44	26 31	21 16	1	800	1	800
ATLANTA DISTRICT											
Atlanta			52 80	2 20	286 48	25 00					
Gainesville					95 52			1	500		
Griffin			18 00		78 83	7 50					
Rockmart				45	60 00	10 00	64 89				
Marietta											
Macon											
Total	$25 35	$40 62	$2175 90	$66 15	19708 01	$3060 20	$ 902 05	54	$ 112150	14	$25500

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PITTSBURG, ROCHESTER AND GREENSBURG DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PITTSBURG DISTRICT	A. D. Zahniser, Dist. Elder																	
Kittanning	C. L. Wright	73	20	93	..	..	1	14	125	12	$ 14 50	$ 11 70	$ 9 75	$ 9 75	6 50	$10 40	$.....	$ 14 70
Pittsburg, Mt. Washington	F. E. Glass	72	5	77	5	2	1	13	61	25	27 38	13 32	11 10	11 10	7 40	11 84	.....	276 40
McKeesport	J. N. Grace	46	8	54	..	1	1	13	79	14	14 80	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 40	.....	272 74
East End, Pittsburg	J. W. Howard	52	11	63	..	..	1	9	100	6	17 76	8 64	7 20	7 20	4 80	7 68	.....	181 40
Glenwood and Whitaker	James N. McKim	29	4	33	1	..	2	11	7	5	9 99	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	70 37
West End, Pittsburg	B. Hosbach	20	1	21	..	..	1	8	25	5	6 66	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	90	33	33 94
Smithton and Collinsburg	Harry H. O'Bryon	17	..	17	2	..	1	5	21	4	8 51	4 09	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	13 00
Anderson Street, Pittsburg	Sara E. Howard	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 81	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	..
Braddock	Laura Lamb	18	5	23	2	..	1	7	30	5	4 07	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	37 58
Belle Vernon	.....	4	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cannonsburg and Washington	J. C. Rose	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4 07	2 00	1 18	1 18	2 00	1 83	5 20	.. ..
Carnegie and McDonald	W. S. Mack	17	2	19	2	..	1	8	40	..	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 40	.....	18 00
Monongahela and Courtney	L. C. Andre	8	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	2	7 03	3 42	2 85	1 90	3 04	..	.....	.....
Lewis Run	S. S. Bergman	2	1	3	..	..	1	..	7	2	37	18	15	15	10	16	.....	.. ..
Verona and New Kensington	A. D. Zahniser	10	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	4	3 70	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	10 00
Rosston and Ford City	Ray B. Campbell	11	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	4 81	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 08	.....	.. ..
ROCHESTER DISTRICT	J. F. Silver, Dist. Elder.....																	
New Brighton	R. H. Bentley	82	15	97	..	..	1	17	167	12	25 90	12 60	10 50	10 50	7 00	11 20	.....	318 31
Rochester, Monaca, Pleasant Valley	Albert F. Faust	52	1	53	1	1	3	..	..	5	25 16	12 24	10 20	10 20	6 80	10 88	.....	170 00
East Liverpool and Oakland Grove	Wm. G. Long	40	5	45	1	2	2	17	93	5	14 06	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	.....	107 16
Lazearville and Mingo Junction	Robert N. Large	40	4	44	..	1	2	14	75	7	14 05	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	6 08	.....	52 45
Bridgeport	Edwin R. Smith	38	8	42	..	..	1	5	24	4	10 36	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	41 00
Irondale and Ohioville	Oliver Atkinson	31	4	35	..	1	2	14	75	6	12 21	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	5 28	2 20	89 48
Hookstown	Edna M. Swearingen	25	5	30	..	..	1	9	73	3	9 62	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	46 50
Chester	D. G. Shirer	23	1	24	2	..	1	8	40	3	8 88	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	3 84	.....	56 00
Beaver Falls	Elizabeth Stewart	10	1	11	..	..	1	5	14	5	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	1 24	.....	102 85
Frankfort Springs	Rosella E. Adair	12	..	12	..	..	..	..	....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
GREENSBURG DISTRICT	O. Gornall, Dist. Elder																	
Fairchance	F. R. Wayne	65	12	77	..	1	1	....	53	12	19 61	9 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	8 48	.....	96 00
Cove Run, Cool Spring, W. Brownsville	J. Paul Foy	38	6	44	..	..	2	15	80	4	18 50	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	8 00	13 75	70 97
Blairsville, Bolivar and Armagh	Dudley W. Rose	35	5	40	..	3	2	16	63	4	16 28	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	56 57
Mt. Pleasant and Arona	A. L. Duncan	28	2	30	1	..	2	9	30	5	11 84	5 72	4 80	4 80	3 20	5 12	.....	18 00
Jeannette and Greensburg	E. M. Adair	23	5	28	..	..	1	5	38	2	9 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	4 00	.....	7 50
Glendale	John H. Spears	30	5	35	..	..	1	7	35	4	2 60	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 36	.....	34 25
Uniontown	Clara E. Foy	5	8	13	1	1	1	5	31	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 84
Indiana	S. F. Hellman	21	2	23	..	..	1	5	30	7	7 77	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 36	1 10	55 25
Black Lick and Homer City	Oliver Gornall	11	..	11	..	..	1	3	10	3	7 03	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	3 04	.....	4 15

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WEST PENN, WEST VIRGINIA AND ATLANTA DISTRICTS

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WEST PENN DISTRICT	A. Wilson, District Elder																	
Butler	W. W. Spiker	87	8	95	5	2	1	18	160	24	$ 31 45	$ 15 30	$ 12 75	$ 12 75	$ 8 50	$ 13 60	.....	$430 67
Vandergrift Heights	J. B. Easton	65	4	69	1	1	1	14	134	38	27 38	13 32	11 10	11 10	7 40	11 84	.....	300 00
Apollo	John H. Whiteman	45	4	49	1	..	1	6	60	9	16 28	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	53 55
Avonmore and Perrysville	C. H. Mason	28	5	33	1	..	1	8	34	4	8 14	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	45 15
Leechburg and Bagdad	J. W. McIntosh	21	2	23	..	..	2	9	67	4	5 84	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	73 22
Mars and Callery	Ellis L. Garrow	17	6	23	..	..	2	10	60	6	5 55	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	1 35	.....	.....
Tarentum	Harry L. Speer	56	4	60	..	1	1	9	60	8	17 39	8 46	7 05	7 05	4 70	7 52	.....	146 65
Hites	F. W. Boettner	26	3	29	4	1	1	9	50	4	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	$ 2 00	43 06
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT	H. A. Baldwin, District Elder																	
Monongah	J. W. Fetty	6	1	7	1	1	..	..	....	..	1 48	72	60	60	40	64	.....	.....
Fairmont	Etta W. Baldwin	5	1	6	..	3	..	..	....	1	1 85	90	75	75	50	80	.....	.....
Catawba and Mt. Sharon	L. W. Campbell	38	7	45	2	4	2	11	50	1	9 24	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	1 05	19 15	1 00
Beulah	Rossalette Ullom	7	5	12	..	..	1	6	30	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hendricks and Elkins	Brooks Morgan	11	6	17	1	1	1	5	30	1	4 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 92	1 68	.....
ATLANTA DISTRICT	E. E. Shelhamer, District Elder																	
Atlanta	H. W. Hodge	51	16	67	2	5	1	5	26	1	16 28	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	7 04	.....	.....
Gainesville	W. E. Young	13	5	18	1	1	1	6	20	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Griffin	A. C. Tanner	25	8	33	2	..	1	5	48	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockmart	W. B. Harris	9	2	11	..	..	..	..	....	..	3 33	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	1 44	$ 5 00	.....
Marietta	May Garrow	7	..	7	..	..	1	..	25	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macon	Betty Tyler	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1521	238	1759	43	33	55	363	2348	295	$ 508 83	$ 259 23	$ 215 53	$ 216 48	$146 04	$219 37	$ 50 41	3418 71

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Session, held at Fargo, North Dakota, October 3-6, 1906

OFFICERS

A. L. WHITCOMB, *President.*
W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary.* O. E. McCRACKEN, *Assistant Secretary.*
W. S. BALLENGER, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—A. L. Whitcomb, W. S. Ballenger, John Dynes.
On Publications—O. E. McCracken, George Klein, J. W. Searing.
On Education—John Moran, W. Barham, Sarah Northrup.
On Sabbath-schools—Annie E. Klein, Amy Sharpe, M. M. Wood.
On Reforms—J. H. Wilson, B. F. Greenup, H. G. Bachman.
On State of the Work—W. S. Ballenger.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. H. Wilson, John Dynes.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Fred Klein, Ella Klein.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—A. L. Whitcomb, W. S. Ballenger, John Dynes, W. Barham, John W. Searing.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. S. Ballenger, president; J. H. Wilson, secretary; O. E. McCracken, John Dynes, F. W. Warren.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wilson, time expires in 1909; O. E. McCracken, time expires in 1908; W. S. Ballenger, time expires 1907.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

W. S. Ballenger, president; J. H. Wilson, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer; John Moran, W. W. Bemis.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—O. E. McCracken. *On Publications*—J. H. Wilson
On Reforms—John Moran. *On Education*—George Klein.
On State of the Work—W. S. Ballenger.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Crary, North Dakota; vice-president, Ella Klein, Courtenay, North Dakota; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. M. Wood, Crary, North Dakota; recording secretary, Mrs. Annie E. Klein, Binford, North Dakota.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Home Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. S. Ballenger, O. E. McCracken, W. Barham, John Moran,
J. H. Wilson, George T. Klein, F. A. Reeves.

DELEGATES

John Dynes, John W. Searing, Mrs. M. M. Wood, Mrs. Amy Sharpe
Mrs. Sarah Northrup, Edward Schuler, F. W. Warren, W. W. Bemis,
B. F. Greenup.

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. L. Whitcomb, W. S. Ballenger, John Dynes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Fred Klein.

4. Who remain on trial? Vern D. Pool, H. G. Bachman.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? George Klein.

6. Who are the deacons? George Klein.

7-9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. M. Rumsey, under censure.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? F. A. Reeves, $25.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Mayville, North Dakota, as near the second Thursday in October, 1907, as is convenient for the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

Red River and Larimore District—W. S. Ballenger, District Elder, Crary, North Dakota.

Fargo	O. E. McCracken, Fargo,	North Dakota
Gardner	John Moran, Gardner,	" "
Grand Prairie	H. G. Bachman, Valley City,	" "
Courtenay and Pleasant Valley	George Klein, Courtenay,	" "
Jamestown and Buchanan	W. Barham, Jamestown,	" "
Bismark, Wilton and McClusky	Fred Klein, Pace,	" "
Larimore, Mayville and Park River	J. H. Wilson,	" "
Deering, Tagus and Maxbass	Vern D. Pool; E. Schuler, supply, Deering,	" "
Crary	Annie E. Klein, Louisa M. Ballenger, supplies, Crary,	" "
Rollett	J. C. Saucer, supply, Rollett,	" "
Williams county circuit	D. B. Weintz, supply, Springbrook,	" "
Sidney, Montana		To be supplied
Driscoll and McKinzie		To be supplied

F. A. Reeves, superannuated, Driscoll, North Dakota.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger.

DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Annie E. Klein, Mrs. Ella Klein, Mrs. Louisa Miller, Mrs. Rosa Bachman, Mrs. M. Reid, Miss Iva Rice.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $24.15.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $28.98.
Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.—Apportioned and paid, $25.76.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $16.10.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $59.57.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $8.05.
Home Missions.—Collected by Mrs. Rumsey, $79.55; collected by W. S. Ballenger, $8; collected by John Moran, $6.20. Total, $93.75.
Disbursements: Paid Mrs. Rumsey, $79.55; paid W. S. Ballenger, car fare, $7; total, $86.55: balance, $7.20.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—$300.00.
Greenville College.—$270.
To Defray the Expenses of Conference.—$20.
To the Resident Pastor.—$31.98.
For Incorporation of Conference.—$10.
F. A. Reeves.—Conference support, $107.
Olive Branch Mission.—$125.66.
Wessington Springs Seminary.—$50.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We feel devoutly thankful to God for his continued favor during another conference year. As a conference the mercies and blessings of God have rested upon us in a marked degree. Our ranks have not been broken by death; but we are all spared to meet again in annual session. Generally speaking, our work has not made the progress we had hoped and prayed for. Notwithstanding, we have had some precious outpourings of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, resulting in the salvation of souls and the sanctification of believers. Two camp-meetings and one tent-meeting were held in which souls were saved and believers sanctified. The most of these united with us in church fellowship. The records will not show the advancement made along this line for the reason that a goodly number of letters of membership have been given to others who have moved within the bounds of other conferences. Our loss is their gain. Others went out from us because they were not of us. We have not been without our trials and conflicts. Our work has suffered not a little from the adverse influence of those who went out from us. Notwithstanding these difficulties, with other various hindrances, our pastors have labored faithfully to build up the work. We believe it can be truthfully said their labors have not been in vain. This is evidenced by unity and genuine Christian fellowship and that charity which deviseth no mischief. Peace like a heavenly dove broods over the North Dakota conference.

Doctrinally, we adhere to the "ancient landmarks our fathers have set." However, there is room for improvement. There is need of a deeper interest in our general and quarterly gatherings. There is not the attendance of our official members at these meetings that there should be. In some instances we fear our preachers are not clear along this line. Brethren, shall we not improve?

During the year we have received a number of calls from those of our people who have moved into our State, to visit them and open up a work among them. Shall we not pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into these openings? As a conference we believe it would be well for us to open a mission in Fargo. We believe much good could be accomplished in the way of building up our work if it was properly conducted.

Financially, we have held our own if we are not in advance of last year. The conference collections are all raised. The salaries of our preachers with a few exceptions are met in full.

Lots have been secured in Jamestown and a parsonage for the use of the district elder will be built as soon as the funds can be secured.

We commence the year with cheering prospects, praying that God may preserve us in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace, and that we may come to the next conference bringing sheaves for the Lord.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are living in the greatest age this world has ever known, intellectually as well as spiritually, and in view of this fact too great care cannot be given to the question of our reading

matter. In selecting for our homes and recommending to others, books and periodicals, we should choose only those that are free from the sensational spirit which so largely fills the columns of the secular newspapers and magazines. We recommend and urge upon all our people the importance for the future saving of our children to the church and to God, the necessity of having a copy of our church organ, the *Free Methodist*, come weekly to our homes; and if it means sacrifice or self-denial, better that we hunger for the natural food than that our souls should hunger for the spiritual which we receive through reading the word of God and our own church organ. We might be a good Free Methodist without our church paper but not a well balanced and well informed one.

We further recommend our Sabbath-school literature as the best to be had. None is superior and without prejudice or narrowness and after considerable examination, we believe few equal it.

Our publishing house should be liberally patronized as none other sends out cleaner or more wholesome literature for both young and old.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

Reform is not necessarily true religion, but true religion produces all proper reform in the lives of those who possess it. Salvation makes reformation the product of life, and not the result of mental or physical processes. Life operates from within outward, while other forces work on the surface. Those enjoying God's salvation develop more nearly normally, while those who depend on educational methods alone, develop on some lines only, and so do not present that symmetrical character that is to be desired.

We believe that as a church we represent this true salvation in its purity and, hence, it is not strange that we have always stood in the forefront of all true reforms. Indeed, it could not be otherwise. Where the best experiences in grace are enjoyed we always find the truest reformers, other things being equal; so that in spite of the opposition it produces, we stand committed to reforms both popular and unpopular.

Along the line of reforms there will always be some whose interest will be greater because of the surroundings and habits of the people. Those to which we would direct especial attention in this report are—

1. Sabbath Observance.—The Sabbath traffic on our railroads and other public conveyances, and the ruthless desecration of the day, not only in the cities, but, also, in the rural sections, where such employments as harvesting, threshing, hunting, fishing, etc., are observed, call for our consideration and condemnation. Hence, Free Methodists, of all people, need to guard jealously against all forms of labor and pleasure which are not in keeping with the scriptural sanctity of the Lord's day.

2. Dress.—To a conscience neither tender nor properly educated, this whole question seems too unimportant for consideration. Not so with those who are fully enlightened by the word of God and the Holy Spirit. These recognize that whatever God has seen fit to reveal in his word is of sufficient moment to occupy their attention; and that when he says, "I will therefore . . . . . in like manner, also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array," with the parallel passage in 1 Pet. 3: 7, and other parts of God's word in similar strain, we should hear and heed. We fully believe that the inward adorning is most fully put on when the outward adorning is simple, plain and modest. Hence we must still insist on the standard of plainness as set forth by Rev. John Wesley and insisted upon by the early Free Methodists.

3. Covetousness.—This word may sound harsh, but the anxiety over worldly gain, along with the crowding in of business cares and labors, is liable to crowd out the time and interest we should have in God's cause, resulting in lagging interest and corresponding discouragement in the work of God. Let us take the promise, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," and act accordingly.

4. Marriage and Divorce.—The strength of both church and state can only be conserved by maintaining the integrity of the home. We continue to affirm our position of only one cause for divorce. And we urge the necessity of greater care in entering the marriage state; and the imperative necessity of integrity to all features of the marriage vow; and the earnest endeavor of all husbands and wives to adjust themselves to all differences in opinion and temperament in the spirit of the Golden Rule.

5. Prohibition.—While we are glad because we live in a Prohibition state, yet we are grieved at the extent to which intoxicants are used and drunkenness prevails. This indicates that this is no time to lie on our oars as Prohibitionists. The law needs to be more strictly enforced, and sentiment favorable to the law created and spread abroad. In this way we can keep clear as to our duty to our fellow men and the state respecting the gigantic evil of the liquor traffic.

Finally, we announce ourselves opposed to all conditions of evil, and propose to fight sin of every kind until "righteousness covers the earth as the waters cover the deep."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICT

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICT	W. S. Ballenger, Dist. Elder																	
Gardner	John Moran	24	2	26	1	..	1	7	46	8	$ 9 99	$ 4 86	$ 6 20	$ 4 05	$ 2 70	$ 4 32	.....	$ 11 76
Fargo and Barrie	O. E. McCracken	10	...	10	..	..	...	...	...	4	2 59	1 26	.....	1 05	70	1 12	.....	.....
Grand Prairie	H. G. Bachman	28	3	31	..	1	1	6	23	6	15 54	7 56	.....	6 30	4 20	6 72	.....	.....
Glenfield and Pleasant Valley	George T. Klein	17	2	19	..	1	2	10	40	7	8 51	4 14	.....	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	34 00
Jamestown and Steel	W. Barham	12	2	14	...	..	1	6	20	4	8 70	4 14	42 50	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	18 00
Fessenden and Wilton	C. F. Klein, supply	18	16	34	1	..	...	...	...	4	6 29	3 06	.....	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
Larimore, Mayville and Park River	J. H. Wilson	11	2	13	...	..	1	6	20	6	4 07	1 98	9 40	1 65	1 10	1 76	.....	11 00
Crary	Annie E. Klein, supply	13	5	18	..	3	...	...	...	4	3 33	1 62	50 00	1 35	90	1 44	.....	36 50
Deering	E. Schuler, supply	8	...	8	2	..	1	4	18	2	2 59	1 26	.....	1 05	70	1 12	$ 25 85	.....
Total		141	32	173	4	5	7	39	167	45	$ 61 61	$ 29 88	$ 118 10	$ 24 90	$ 16 60	$ 26 56	$ 25 85	$111 26

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICT						$ 720 72					
Gardner	.....	$ 7 40	$ 23 00	$ 1 35	$ 520 50	90 50	$ 16 00	1	$ 1500	1	$ 800
Fargo and Barrie	.....	.....	.....	35	344 36	40 00	20 00	..	.....	..	.....
Grand Prairie	$ 6 50	6 50	33 67	2 10	805 00	134 86	30 95	1	1500	1	500
Glenfield and Pleasant Valley	....	.....	18 50	1 15	553 38	132 89	36 22	2	2200	1	600
Jamestown and Steel	.....	.....	12 50	1 15	402 76	44 75	5 50	1	700	1	800
Fessenden and Wilton	...	...	.....	85	77 50	40 00	55 57	..	.....	..	.....
Larimore, Mayville, Park River	....	.....	17 67	55	577 29	50 72	.....	1	750	1	750
Crary	.....	.....	.....	45	168 91	72 00	53 79	..	.....	1	800
Deering	.....	3 09	12 59	35	.....	60 31	.....	1	600	..	.....
Total	$ 6 50	$10 99	$ 117 93	$ 8 30	$3449 70	$ 606 03	$ 218 03	7	$ 7250	6	$ 4250

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Nacogdoches, Texas, November 7-10, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary.* F. D. PALMER, *Assistant Secretary.*

S. H. OWENS, *Statistical Secretary.* W. H. WINTERS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, M. L. Lancaster, A. B. Harrell.

On Publications—S. H. Owens, W. M. Adams, J. O. Penrod.

On Reforms—R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller, R. E. Elkins.

On Education—George McCulloch, S. H. Owens, T. J. Jacks.

On Sunday-schools—W. H. Winters, R. E. Fletcher, Ada Edwards.

On Publishing the Minutes—R. A. Thompson, F. D. Palmer, S. H. Owens.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. D. Palmer, R. G. Swanson, M. M. Lowry.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. A. Hanson, R. E. Elkins.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—W. T. Hogue, George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, J. N. Wilson, R. E. Elkins, L. D. Myers.

On State of the Work—George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster.

Auditing Committee—George McCulloch, R. E. Elkins.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—W. T. Hogue, R. A. Thompson, George McCulloch, R. E. Elkins, L. D. Myers.

On Complimentary Resolutions—L. P. Morris, C. A. Perkins, B. F. Harris.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, for one year; R. E. Elkins, S. H. Owens, for two years; George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, W. M. Adams, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, W. C. Rose, R. A. Thompson, J. S. Hill, R. E. Elkins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, S. H. Owens, T. J. Jacks.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—F. D. Palmer. *On Sunday-schools*—S. H. Owens.

On Reforms—M. L. Lancaster. *On Education*—George McCulloch.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. R. A. Thompson, 187 South Haskell avenue, Dallas, Texas; vice-president, Mrs. Clara Ferris, 586 McKinney avenue, Dallas, Texas; secretary, Lena Estes, Timpon, Texas; treasurer, Mrs. S. J. McCulloch, 197 McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund (18 cents); third quarter, Conference

Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (37 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George McCulloch,	R. A. Thompson,	M. L. Lancaster,	W. H. Lathrop,
W. C. Rose,	L. A. Miller,	W. M. Adams,	S. H. Owens,
J. F. Hendricks,	R. E. Fletcher,	W. H. Winters,	T. J. Jacks,
F. D. Palmer,	J. O. Hockett,	R. G. Swanson,	L. P. Morris,
H. A. Hanson,	A. B. Harrell,	B. F. Harris,	M. M. Lowry,
C. A. Perkins,	C. W. Johnson,	S. L. Crouch.	

DELEGATES

R. E. Elkins,	J. N. Wilson,	Dinah Lowry,	C. B. Weaver,
J. O. Penrod,	Willie Primrose,	Tillie Stowe,	W. H. Heironymous,
L. D. Myers,	J. D. Garrison,	W. L. Delamar,	M. L. Lamm,
T. W. Silas,	J. W. Barker,	J. B. Brigman,	Ada Edwards,
James Tinsley.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, R. E. Elkins, J. N. Wilson, L. D. Myers.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. A. Nash.

4. Who remain on trial? J. G. Adams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. M. Lowry, B. F. Harris, C. A. Perkins, C. W. Johnson.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Hendricks, J. G. Adams, M. M. Lowry, B. F. Harris, C. A. Perkins, C. W. Johnson.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. J. Jacks, S. H. Owens, R. E. Fletcher.

8. Who have located this year? J. L. Wyche.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. F. Hendricks.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. H. Lathrop, W. C. Rose.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. H. Winters, J. O. Hockett, S. L. Crouch.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? G. M. Ross, a member on trial.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ennis, Texas, as soon after the meeting of the General Missionary Board, in 1907, as will be convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference had a most profitable and harmonious session. Though there appears to be a small decrease, it is accounted for more by the fact that many of our people have been moving around seeking homes than anything else.

General Superintendent Hogue was in fine health and spirits and of course did us great service. He is second to none. God bless the good bishop more and more.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a profitable and enjoyable session, with a good sermon by George McCulloch, our senior and most loved conference preacher. A good collection was taken and much impetus given the work. Amount raised, $50.76.

The citizens of Nacogdoches fully sustained their reputation for hospitality in entertaining the conference and we doubt if they could be exceeded anywhere. The only complaint made by the preachers and delegates was that the good people were too profuse in their kindness, and the only complaint made by those good folks was that more Free Methodists did not come, and that those who came went away too soon.

The treasurer's report showed quite a deficit, which was, however, easily met in public collection.

APPOINTMENTS

Dallas District—George McCulloch, District Elder.

Dallas, First church.....L. A. Miller
" Elm Street.....C. E. Rose, supply
" Colonial Hill.....F. D. Palmer
Ennis and Muirhead.....John Fenner
Fort Worth and Collinsville.....W. F. Gales, supply
Oak circuit.....C. A. Perkins
Paradise and Hopewell.....B. F. Harris
Midway and Compeer.....M. M. Lowry, W. A. Nash
Canon City, Plain View and Floyd Ada.....W. M. Adams

J. G. Adams, evangelist; W. H. Lathrop, W. C. Rose, superannuated; J. L. Wyche, located at his request, membership at Ennis; J. O. Hockett, W. H. Winters, Samuel L. Crouch, granted certificate of standing; J. F. Hendricks, supernumerary.

Greenville District—M. L. Lancaster, District Elder.

Greenville and Campbell.....S. H. Owens
Rockwall and Bear Creek.....R. G. Swanson
Roddy, Mabank and Prairieville.....To be supplied
Alba and Van.....J. C. George, supply
Terrell, Bachelor, Lawrence and Rose Hill.....R. E. Fletcher
Quinlan, Blockdale and Royse.....C. B. Weaver, supply
Forest Hill and Rock Springs.....J. P. Gaskins, supply
DeKalb and Dalby Springs.....To be supplied

Nacogdoches District—R. A. Thompson, District Elder.

Nacogdoches, Canaan, Sacul, Caro and Appleby.....A. B. Harrell
Zavalla, Huntington and Homer.....T. J. Jacks
Edgar's Chapel, Sabine Town, Sharpsville, Chireno and McLellan.....L. P. Morris
Tyler, Starville and Big Sandy.....J. S. Parnell, supply

San Antonio District—H. A. Hanson, District Elder.

San Antonio.....C. W. Johnson
San Marcos and Pipe Creek.....H. A. Hanson

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

J. N. Wilson.....Melrose, Texas
W. A. Nash.....Hodges, "
N. W. Sanford.....Greenville, "
L. D. Wright.....Bristol, Texas
J. S. Hill.....Greenville, "
J. G. Adams.....Mena, Arkansas
J. N. Whitehead.....Ripley, Mississippi

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

C. E. Rose	Dallas, Texas	W. B. Hill	Dallas, Texas
Ada Edwards	Dallas, "	E. R. Fitzgerald	Collinsville, "
John Welsch	Dallas, "	M. J. Waters	Hodges, "
Viola Welsch	Dallas, "	J. F. Anderson	Greenville, "
John Gray	Paradise, "	T. J. Kinningham	Greenville, "
D. Briggs	Paradise, "	M. L. Lamm	Greenville, "
S. P. Coffman	Paradise, "	Ada Coppedge	Greenville, "
F. M. Jackson	Long, "	Lily Palmer	Dallas, "
J. E. Stowe	Zavalla, "	Rebecca Belk	Ozro, "
C. H. Scott	Pipe Creek, "	H. G. Belk	Ozro, "
M. J. Peppers	Ennis, "	S. Wiley	Dallas, "
W. L. Delamar	Zavalla, "	W. S. Carter	Winona, "
Eva Huffman	Kirbyville, "	H. M. Weaver	Zavalla, "
H. E. Malone	Ennis, "	Naoma Perkins	Cushing, "
Sadie Huffman	Kirbyville, "	J. L. Parnell	Big Sandy, "
W. L. Delamar	Zavalla, "	J. W. Payne	Winsboro, "
J. W. Barber	Starville, "	W. S. Hill	Belton, "
Joe Crouch	Collinsville, "	O. N. Howell	Terrell, "
John Graham	Collinsville, "	S. F. Worly	Terrell, "
J. O. Penrod	Poolville, Texas		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
DALLAS DISTRICT											
Dallas (First Church)	.....	.....	$ 43 69	$ 3 00	$ 600 00	$ 125 00	$ 116 00	1	$ 1200	1	$ 1600
Dallas (Elm Street)	....	.....	.....	30	.....	12 50	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Dallas (Colonial Hill)	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	..	.....	..	.....
Ennis and Muirhead	....	.....	22 42	1 10	559 25	44 05	13 00	2	1500	1	2000
Oak Circuit	....	.....	7 35	2 45	365 35	67 00	.....	1	800	1	550
Paradise and Hopewell	....	.....	6 00	1 90	240 00	62 75	5 00	2	1200	1	300
Midway and Compeer	....	.....	.....	1 00	275 50	96 55	118 65	..	.....	1	200
Fort Worth and Weatherford	....	.....	5 00	65	217 20	4 53	.....	1	1000	1	1200
Collinsville Circuit	....	.....	8 00	70	42 00	30 00	91 00	1	400	..	.....
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT											
San Antonio, S. Marcas, Pipe Creek	.....	.....	20 45	1 30	279 10	8 50	50 60	3	2150	1	1200
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville	.....	....	24 80	3 80	450 00	77 10	25 00	1	1000	1	1000
Terrill, Lawrence and Bachelor	.....	.....	10 00	3 00	342 65	57 50	30 00	2	1000	2	1500
Rockwall and Bear Creek	.....	.....	13 00	2 15	300 00	70 00	30 00	1	800	1	400
Campbell Circuit	.....	.....	6 40	1 40	145 00	41 35	23 00	1	500	..	.....
Quinland and Newton's Ranch	.....	.....	.....	1 45	156 60	34 05	22 25	1	800	1	300
Van and Willow Springs	.....	.....	.....	1 35	88 50	12 70	5 00	1	300	..	.....
Mabank and Roddy	.....	.....	.....	50	10 00	11 55	5 00	1	400	..	.....
Alba and Rock Springs	....	.....	.....	2 40	36 75	19 00	32 76	..	.....	..	.....
DeKalb and Daiby Springs	.....	.....	.....	1 00	101 00	21 00	16 10	..	.....	..	.....
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT											
Nacogdoches and Canaan	.....	.....	12 00	1 35	295 50	52 25	27 75	3	2500	1	750
Zavalla and Lufkin	.....	.....	8 00	1 95	185 00	40 05	15 00	1	600	1	250
Tyler, Big Sandy, Gilmer	.....	.....	.....	1 15	187 35	30 60	.....	1	300	..	.....
Peach Tree and Homer	.....	.....	6 00	60	33 00	14 50	12 20	..	.....	..	.....
Chireno, McClellan	....	.....	5 00	1 65	43 93	42 72	30 75	1	500	..	.....
Total	.....	.....	$ 198 11	$36 15	$4955 68	$ 974 77	$ 688 46	25	$ 16950	13	$10150

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, GREENVILLE AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
DALLAS DISTRICT	R. A. Thompson Dist. Elder																	
Dallas (First Church)	L. A. Miller	67	2	69	4	4	1	8	68	....	$ 22 20	$ 10 80	$ 6 00	$ 9 00	$ 6 00	$9 60	.....	$ 28 30
Dallas (Elm Street)	C. E. Rose, supply	10	6	16	1	1	..	..	....	1	2 22	1 08	60	90	60	96	.....	.....
Dallas (Colonial Hill)	F. D. Palmer	4	1	5	..	1	..	..	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ennis and Muirhead	W. H. Winters	20	1	21	..	1	1	6	23	4	8 14	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 52	$ 20 00	.....
Oak Circuit	S. L. Crouch	49	3	52	1	1	..	..	....	5	18 13	8 64	4 90	7 35	4 90	7 87	.....	.....
Paradise and Hopewell	L. P. Morris	42	...	42	3	2	1	5	40	4	14 06	6 84	3 80	5 70	3 80	6 08	.....	.....
Midway and Compeer	M. M. Lowry	20	2	22	1	..	..	..	....	5	7 40	3 60	2 00	3 60	2 00	3 20	.....	.....
Fort Worth and Weatherford	J. O. Hockett	17	..	17	..	..	1	5	20	2	4 81	2 34	1 40	1 95	1 40	2 08	.....	.....
Collinsville Circuit	W. M. Adams	14	...	14	2	1	1	6	40	2	8 14	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 52	.....	.....
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder.																	
San Antonio, San Marcos, Pipe Creek	H. A. Hansen	19	1	20	1	..	2	8	50	4	9 62	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	4 16	.....	.....
GREENVILLE DISTRICT	George McCulloch, Dist. Elder																	
Greenville	W. C. Rose	55	...	55	3	3	1	7	45	1	28 12	13 68	7 60	9 40	7 60	10 16	.....	.....
Terrill, Lawrence and Bachelor	R. E. Fletcher	60	10	70	2	..	2	10	90	4	22 20	10 80	6 00	9 00	6 00	7 60	3 00	2 00
Rockwall and Bear Creek	S. H. Owens	35	6	41	..	..	2	8	40	3	15 91	7 84	4 30	6 45	4 30	3 88	.....	1 00
Campbell Circuit	B. F. Harris	19	..	19	3	..	1	4	20	3	10 36	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
Quinland and Newton's Ranch	R. G. Swanson	20	2	22	1	..	..	..	....	....	10 73	5 20	2 90	4 35	2 90	4 64	.....	.....
Van and Willow Springs	W. L. Delamar, supply	19	...	19	3	..	..	..	....	....	9 98	4 88	2 70	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	.....
Mabank and Roddy	W. H. Lathrop, supply	10	...	10	2	..	1	4	35	....	3 70	1 80	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 60	.....	.....
Alba and Rock Springs	C. W. Johnson	39	1	40	..	..	1	4	35	....	17 76	3 64	4 80	7 00	4 80	7 68	.....	.....
DeKalb and Dalby Springs	C. W. Johnson	17	1	18	..	1	..	..	....	....	7 40	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 20	.....	.....
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT	M. L. Lancaster, Dist. Elder																	
Nacogdoches and Canaan	A. B. Harrell	34	1	35	1	2	1	6	35	5	9 99	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	4 32	.....	.....
Zavalla and Lufkin	T. J. Jacks	37	1	38	3	..	1	6	40	1	14 43	7 02	3 90	5 85	3 90	6 24	.....	.....
Tyler, Big Sandy, Gilmer	John Fenner	19	1	20	1	..	..	..	....	....	8 51	4 14	2 30	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	.....
Peach Tree and Homer	J. P. Gaskins, supply	10	...	10	2	1	1	3	25	....	4 44	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
Chireno, McClellan	S. H. Tinsley, supply	25	1	26	..	..	..	..	....	....	12 21	5 94	3 30	4 95	3 30	5 28	.....	.....
Total		661	40	701	34	17	18	90	610	51	$ 240 46	$ 131 48	$ 73 20	$ 108 05	$ 73 28	$ 99 99	$ 23 00	$ 31 30

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Summerville, Louisiana, November 1-4, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

M. O. THRAPP, *Secretary.* S. C. SHAW, *Assistant Secretary.*

DAVID DAY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, N. J. Roark, D. Short.
On Publications—S. C. Shaw, W. D. Bradford.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Reforms—David Day, M. O. Thrapp.
On Sabbath-schools—Frazier Scott, S. C. Shaw.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. H. Roark.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. C. Shaw, M. O. Thrapp.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, David Day, Frazier Scott, W. D. Bradford, M. O. Thrapp.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president and treasurer; S. C. Shaw, secretary; W. B. Newman, D. Short, M. O. Thrapp.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

David Day, for two years; Frazier Scott, for one year.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: David Day; reserve, S. C. Shaw. Lay: M. O. Thrapp; reserve, W. D. Bradford.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

David Day, Frazier Scott, S. C. Shaw, N. J. Roark, W. B. Newman, Duncan Short.

DELEGATES

G. C. Davis, M. O. Thrapp, H. H. Roark, W. D. Bradford, Mrs. K. E. Barnes.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, David Day, W. D. Bradford.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Williams, W. W. Voigt.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Duncan Short.

6. Who are the deacons? W. B. Newman, Duncan Short.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Edmond T. Tindell, local elder.

8-13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The district elder and secretaries were made a committee to decide on the place; the time to be during the first half of November, 1907, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Louisiana conference was held at Summerville, Louisiana, November 1-4, 1906. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided in a most acceptable manner, and a very sweet spirit was manifest during the entire session. Four sittings were held. The addresses of the president were very spiritual and instructive to the saints.

On Sunday, Edmond T. Tindell was ordained a local elder, and Duncan Short a deacon. Immediately after love-feast, a collection of $23.84 was taken to cover the deficiency in conference claims; also $5.25 was raised, and made to apply on Home Missions.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference, to the resident pastor, Duncan Short and wife, who did so much for the entertainment of the guests; also to the people of Summerville who were so hospitable and kind.

APPOINTMENTS

Welcome Home District—Frazier Scott, District Elder.

Welcome Home and Summerville circuit ..... W. B. Newman
Franklin ..... David Day
Black River ..... Duncan Short
Big Island ..... N. J. Roark; Martha E. Smith, supply

W. W. Voigt, left without appointment to attend college; Frazier Scott, member of Welcome Home district quarterly conference.

Wesson District—Frazier Scott, District Elder.

Jackson Mission ..... To be supplied
New Hope and McHenry ..... J. W. Williams
Wesson ..... S. C. Shaw
Beaver Dam, Hazlehurst and Beasley Chapel ..... To be supplied

Cascilla District—Frazier Scott, District Elder.

Stonefield circuit ..... J. W. Mullen, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS

Willie Pallotta ..... Jackson, Mississippi
E. T. Tindell ..... Winnsboro, Louisiana

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $50.69.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Apportioned and paid, $24.66.
Conference Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $20.55.
General Missions Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $20.55.
Church Extension Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $13.70.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Apportioned and paid, $21.92.
Permanent Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $6.85.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

WELCOME HOME, WESSON AND CASCILLA DISTRICTS.

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
Franklin Circuit	Frazar Scott	31	2	33	1	..	2	6	30	2	$ 9 99	$ 4 86	$ 4 05	$ 4 05	$ 2 70	$ 4 32	.....	.....
Welcome Home and Summerville	N. J. Roark, W. Whittington, supply	22	1	23	..	..	..	....	....	3	8 51	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 68	.....	.....
Black River and Big Island Circuit	Duncan Short	36	5	41	..	1	2	9	35	3	11 10	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 80	.....	.....
WESSON DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
Jackson, New Hope, McHenry Circuit	J. W. Williams	24	.	24	1	..	1	2	15	5	4 44	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	2 72	.....	.....
Wesson, Beaver Dam, Hazlehurst and Beasley Chapel Circuit	S. C. Shaw	28	..	28	..	..	3	12	120	2	10 36	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	4 48	.....	.....
CASCILLA DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
Stonefield Circuit	W. B. Newman	15	..	15	..	..	..	....	....	....	4 44	2 36	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 92	.....	.....
Total		156	8	164	2	1	8	29	200	15	$ 48 84	$ 24 86	$ 20 55	$ 20 55	$13 70	$ 21 92	.....	.....

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT											
Franklin Circuit	.....	.....	$ 10 00	$ 1 35	$ 173 98	$ 30 52	$ 47 00	2	$ 600	..	.....
Welcome Home, Summerville Circ't	.....	.....	.....	1 15	35 75	8 10	45 75	2	650	1	$ 200
Black River and Big Island Circuit	.....	....	15 00	1 50	68 00	65 63	.....	..	.....	..	.....
WESSON DISTRICT											
Jackson, New Hope, McHenry Circ't	....	.....	.....	85	165 00	32 40	25 30	2	500	..	.....
Wesson, Beaver Dam, Hazelhurst and Beasley Chapel Circuit	....	.....	22 00	1 40	68 45	18 90	70 00	3	1300	..	.....
CASCILLA DISTRICT											
Stonefield Circuit	.....	....	.....	60	50 00	29 00	20 00	..	.....	..	.....
Total	.....		$ 47 00	$ 6 85	$ 561 18	$ 184 55	$ 208 05	9	$ 3050	1	$ 200

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Kepler, Kentucky, October 25-28, 1906

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

W. MAYFIELD, *Secretary.* C. G. HEATH, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. MAYFIELD, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath.
On Publications—W. Mayfield, H. G. Jones.
On Reforms—C. G. Heath, Hardy Simmons.
On Education—H. O. Coates, W. D. Bunch.
On Sunday-schools—E. V. Towns, H. G. Jones.
On Ministerial Relations—T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath, H. C. Foster.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—T. B. Adams, J. R. Simmons.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. G. Heath, W. Mayfield.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath, W. Mayfield, J. A. Holland, H. G. Jones.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Mayfield, for three years; T. B. Adams, for two years; H. O. Coates, for one year.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: Walker Mayfield; reserve, T. B. Adams. Lay: H. G. Jones; reserve, R. G. Hill.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Missions, (15 cents), and Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents) and Home Missions (10 cents); fourth quarter, Superannuate Claim (37 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

T. B. Adams,	W. W. Bates,	J. M. Keen,	W. Mayfield,
H. C. Jerome,	W. N. Matheny,	O. G. Heath,	W. R. Garrison,
H. O. Coates,	H. C. Foster,	E. V. Towns,	F. K. Baker,
A. G. Fellows.			

DELEGATES

David Bunch,	J. A. Holland,	H. A. Luck,	J. R. Simmons,
W. U. Wright,	H. G. Jones,	W. J. McIntosh,	J. W. Puckett,
Thomas Gravitt.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, T. B. Adams, H. G. Jones.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Nels Nordrum.

4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. V. Towns.

6. Who are the deacons? J. M. Keen, H. C. Foster, W. N. Matheny, E. V. Towns.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. C. Foster, W. R. Garrison, J. M. Keen.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. K. Baker from the North Michigan conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except that of R. H. Hinton who upon request was dismissed from conference and church membership.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Scottsville, Kentucky, the time to be arranged by the district elder, the secretary and the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eleventh annual session of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference was characterized by perfect harmony and general satisfaction. The past year has been one of general advancement and the brethren seemed to take on a fresh supply of courage and inspiration for their coming year's work.

The sermons and addresses delivered by our president, Wilson T. Hogue, were full of fresh thought and soul food and productive of much good.

APPOINTMENTS

Scottsville District—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Scottsville, Petroleum and Mount Carmel.....James Elrod, supply
Bowling Green, Cassaday, Mount Zion and Kelly's Chapel .....
.....Nels Nordrum; D. T. Tickner, supply
Wrightsburg, Henderson, Malangus and Woodbury.....C. G. Heath; Alice Heath, supply
H. C. Foster, W. R. Garrison, supernumerary.

Louisville District—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Louisville.....H. O. Coates
Mount Beulah and Cedar Grove.....E. V. Towns
Upton and Talley.....Emma C. Adams, supply
T. B. Adams, member of Louisville district quarterly conference.

Nashville District—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Gallatin and Cottontown.....Walker Mayfield
Forest Chapel, Bethlehem and Lafayette.....B. T. Mitchell, supply
Walker's Chapel and Simmons' Chapel.....Hardy Simmons
Zion Hill, Hillsboro and Manchester.....H. C. Jerome
Deckard and Cown.....F. K. Baker
W. N. Matheny, W. W. Bates, left without appointment; J. M. Keen, supernumerary.

Alabama District—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Deer Park and Chrichton.....A. G. Fellows
New Decatur.....To be supplied

STATISTICAL REPORT OF KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

SCOTTSVILLE, MAMMOTH CAVE, NASHVILLE AND ALABAMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
Scottsville	W. Mayfield	48	1	49	2	1	2	13	106	6	$ 14 80	$ 7 20		$ 6 00	$ 4 00			
Bowling Green	C. G. Heath	54	8	62			3	10	90	11	18 50	9 00		7 50	5 00			
Beech Grove	W. C. Sellers, supply	21	3	24			1	7		1	7 40	3 60		3 00	2 00			
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
Mount Beulah	Alice Heath, supply	36	2	38			2	10	75		13 32	6 48		5 40	3 60			
Upton		5		5			1	4	34	1	1 48	72		60	40			
Louisville	James Elrod, supply	24	13	37	3		1	6	42	2	6 66	3 24		2 70	1 80			
NASHVILLE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
Gallatin	Emma C. Adams, supply	20	11	31	1		1	5	40	4	9 25	4 50		3 75	2 50			$ 33 40
Forest Chapel	B. T. Mitchell, S. D. Wolf, sup.	14	1	15	2		1			2		2 16		1 80	1 20			
Lafayette		4		4			1	4	20	1	1 85	90		75	50			
Nollinsville	Hardy Simmons	23		23		1	1	6	42	9	6 29	3 06		2 55	1 70			
Bradyville	Hardy Simmons	26		26			1	7	30	1								
Hillsboro		20		20						2	7 40	3 60		3 00	2 00			
ALABAMA DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
New Decatur	D. T. Tickner, supply	9		9						2	3 70	1 80		1 50	1 00			
Deer Park	A. G. Fellows	10		10						2	1 48	72		60	40			
Collection																$ 26 65		
Total		314	39	353	8	2	15	72	479	44	$ 96 57	$ 46 98		$ 39 15	$ 26 10	$ 26 65		$ 33 40

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT											
Scottsville			$ 17 38	$ 2 00	$ 49 71	$ 36 00	$ 42 00	3	$1400 00		
Bowling Green			40 00	2 50	148 99	40 00	60 86	3	1500 00	1	$40 00
Beech Grove				1 00	19 35	33 00	56 00	1	500 00		
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT											
Mount Beulah				1 80	21 15	22 50					
Upton				20		9 63					
Louisville		18 00		90	54 50	24 00	22 00	2	1000 00		
NASHVILLE DISTRICT											
Gallatin			28 60	1 25		29 51	22 20	1	800 00		
Forest Chapel				60	75 50	4 01		2	1000 00		
Lafayette				25		4 92					
Nolinsville				85	143 43	25 85	29 50	1	750 00		
Bradyville			3 00		98 57	10 00					
Hillsboro				1 00		45 00	10 00	1	500 00		
ALABAMA DISTRICT											
New Decatur				50		26 00					
Deer Park				20	75 00	100 00		1	750 00		
Total		$18 00	$ 88 98	$13 05	$ 686 20	$ 560 62	$ 242 56	15	$8200 00	1	$40 00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1906

CONFERENCES	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conf'rence Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen'l Conference
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	215	29	244	14	10	9	48	313	26	$ 67 11	$ 25 33	$ 14 50	$ 25 02	$ 15 98	$ 12 44
California	357	54	411	12	7	13	90	581	103	118 66	59 54	125 43	47 45	30 32	.....
Central Illinois	1714	216	1930	32	31	52	380	2038	270	544 62	291 01	152 98	240 32	151 64	235 48
Colorado	361	55	416	15	19	12	93	558	98	129 13	63 90	88 25	52 25	35 65	55 54
Columbia River	282	46	328	14	5	15	94	434	96	92 51	45 72	56 14	38 10	25 40	4 21
East Michigan	1777	245	2022	39	18	84	594	3251	338	641 95	313 82	250 56	257 58	171 73	260 06
East Ontario	635	158	793	19	12	29	148	1045	142	224 98	109 44	121 20	91 20	69 80	97 23
Genesee	1596	310	1906	18	12	52	420	2413	400	565 85	274 62	292 59	227 67	146 47	244 64
Illinois	993	119	1112	17	20	37	255	1491	268	354 38	170 52	208 13	142 85	95 10	153 44
Iowa	806	98	904	28	16	34	219	1191	171	356 98	127 74	91 95	107 75	64 72	109 25
Kansas	920	106	1026	16	27	47	300	1473	254	345 95	168 30	77 86	140 25	93 50	149 60
Kentucky and Tennessee	314	39	353	8	2	15	72	479	44	96 87	46 98	.....	39 15	26 10	26 65
Louisiana	156	8	164	2	1	8	29	200	15	50 69	24 86	20 55	20 55	13 70	21 92
Michigan	963	113	1076	23	7	26	168	994	183	338 55	164 70	124 38	132 80	91 50	146 40
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	299	35	334	7	5	13	77	526	90	113 59	52 26	.....	46 05	17 70	49 12
Missouri	255	61	316	12	5	13	78	413	87	76 39	35 28	25 20	33 05	16 83	34 64
Nebraska	395	32	427	14	14	18	101	506	124	127 51	68 74	87 89	55 04	39 20	54 87
New York	1028	140	1168	46	10	33	217	1355	161	382 58	186 12	243 95	155 10	103 40	165 44
North Dakota	141	32	173	4	5	7	39	167	45	61 61	29 88	118 10	24 90	16 60	26 56
North Indiana	487	57	544	15	9	20	161	687	75	158 31	78 64	65 70	63 90	41 68	67 45
North Michigan	1754	239	1993	45	17	80	478	2147	336	638 07	320 94	225 72	266 40	164 34	358 58
North Minnesota	271	50	321	6	6	10	53	320	49	100 10	48 33	39 65	39 65	27 10	43 05
Ohio	1032	138	1170	20	16	60	364	1692	264	346 71	167 48	93 80	140 40	93 60	149 34
Oil City	1759	268	2027	28	27	74	434	2558	333	578 78	307 14	252 90	252 90	168 60	84 30
Oklahoma	808	98	906	37	10	27	170	985	209	269 17	128 21	59 89	110 80	70 81	106 40
Oregon	511	83	594	27	9	18	108	458	134	168 72	82 08	83 55	68 40	45 60	12 48
Pittsburg	1521	238	1759	43	33	55	363	2348	295	508 83	259 23	215 53	216 48	146 04	219 37
Platte River	455	49	504	26	25	25	142	612	128	166 50	81 00	151 45	67 50	45 00	72 00
*South African	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	390	36	426	10	11	19	91	395	108	145 47	71 29	54 83	59 40	34 80	50 85
Southern California	470	65	535	18	15	10	84	752	150	174 63	74 34	206 50	61 95	41 30	28 48
Susquehanna	1301	174	1475	21	13	46	287	1451	220	443 52	224 78	245 53	180 22	116 83	195 95
Texas	661	40	701	34	17	18	90	510	51	240 46	131 48	73 20	108 35	73 28	99 99
Wabash	911	134	1045	17	10	47	288	1756	193	291 64	143 00	9 19	119 31	78 00	121 58
Washington	758	129	887	22	10	26	169	1149	179	229 56	119 08	210 95	111 35	68 00	.....
Western Canada	124	24	148	4	3	7	33	168	40	22 94	11 16	16 30	9 30	6 20	9 84
West Ontario	626	100	726	14	14	32	167	962	154	220 16	108 44	147 50	89 85	59 70	33 08
West Iowa	580	42	592	16	10	26	144	627	142	207 55	100 80	84 00	84 00	56 00	89 60
West Kansas	599	61	660	14	15	22	145	712	175	213 86	104 04	80 85	86 70	57 80	92 48
Wisconsin	781	146	927	24	22	36	186	943	178	270 43	134 59	128 93	103 86	5898	113 14
Total	28976	4067	33043	781	518	1175	7376	40660	6318	$9883 92	$4954 81	$4545 63	$4117 80	$2679 00	$3805 45

* No report.

CONFERENCES	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 11 65	.....	$ 3 00	$ 2 05	$ 94 23	$ 5 01	$ 837 55	$ 156 51	$ 101 50	5	$ 2900	1	$ 150
California	84 85	$ 613 93	20 80	10 20	474 60	15 85	4750 23	697 97	287 07	10	17400	8	7650
Central Illinois	226 29	267 46	8 00	10 32	1106 68	82 46	9999 02	1525 76	1486 56	57	59550	23	14650
Colorado	146 22	695 51	2 75	8 95	425 44	17 10	5790 15	1111 16	164 79	10	13300	11	6150
Columbia River	65 26	71 35	3 31	4 00	320 26	12 40	4208 90	545 96	141 33	19	9700	9	7550
East Michigan	267 67	458 23	17 67	33 65	1095 35	69 60	15674 95	1777 52	214 90	79	73600	41	26875
East Ontario	.....	811 40	2 20	61	401 23	30 40	7441 26	1169 87	58 78	32	22675	9	6650
Genesee	360 54	1610 35	20 94	68 34	1488 76	67 30	16584 32	2151 37	215 76	63	114600	40	52350
Illinois	248 12	1129 07	35 70	79 69	1334 92	44 40	11936 59	2028 96	397 80	43	103900	29	462 0
Iowa	356 98	249 69	4 20	15 15	603 90	30 85	9915 62	1191 75	354 44	40	41500	22	17600
Kansas	32 78	902 19	9 04	29 15	690 06	46 75	10016 56	1585 60	655 63	27	27350	27	16475
Kentucky and Tennessee	.....	33 40	.....	3 71	88 98	13 05	686 20	560 62	242 56	15	8200	1	40
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00	6 85	561 18	184 55	208 05	9	3050	1	200
Michigan	274 45	366 91	7 20	7 62	612 28	41 25	9686 78	1138 34	277 92	44	40950	19	18500
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	48 39	267 78	.....	12 11	178 20	15 35	3807 28	288 61	451 68	13	16250	10	8150
Missouri	2 65	.....	1 95	20	144 08	8 00	1626 48	445 39	240 80	11	9750	10	4550
Nebraska	55 44	111 79	1 65	7 30	251 28	19 77	4260 86	955 81	406 21	15	16400	12	7500
New York	184 56	401 70	9 79	31 02	675 66	51 70	10533 49	2764 66	13 00	37	65150	9	11550
North Dakota	25 85	111 26	6 50	16 99	117 93	8 30	3449 70	666 03	218 03	7	7250	6	4250
North Indiana	82 67	206 36	6 45	15 61	463 43	20 16	4919 65	775 46	245 38	22	28700	11	7600
North Michigan	336 28	214 28	.....	15 30	1012 26	87 85	17654 41	1783 11	369 34	67	64930	43	25625
North Minnesota	.....	114 38	.....	11 83	142 69	11 75	1852 14	260 00	55 47	13	10700	9	4900
Ohio	671 41	1031 85	8 75	45 60	991 61	46 80	12521 82	1769 00	464 32	53	63000	20	18710
Oil City	424 85	1993 21	17 45	53 65	1736 79	84 30	19522 19	3326 17	955 90	76	120700	31	34900
Oklahoma	45 46	332 54	8 52	38 86	374 98	30 69	6189 03	1008 89	390 30	16	18200	16	8550
Oregon	.....	638 77	50	30	312 56	22 80	4856 82	1113 78	557 25	21	19350	11	7200
Pittsburg	50 41	3418 71	10 09	40 62	2175 90	66 15	19708 01	3050 20	902 05	54	112150	14	25500
Platte River	117 48	453 00	9 54	7 26	249 79	22 50	4319 59	957 79	298 18	15	13050	9	6400
*South African	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	49 87	213 90	4 87	.....	189 61	13 05	4136 91	1152 52	179 80	10	12700	12	12650
Southern California	174 50	2740 84	31 14	24 71	498 73	1 90	5244 39	675 94	355 24	11	33600	7	12800
Susquehanna	173 60	1037 13	15 50	95	786 07	50 25	14608 12	1904 06	235 18	51	96300	30	48425
Texas	23 00	31 30	.....	.....	198 11	36 15	4955 68	974 77	688 46	25	16950	13	10150
Wabash	606 60	278 30	11 12	35 69	759 88	17 35	7794 80	1084 68	1185 46	52	53900	21	18925
Washington	178 98	1541 50	8 80	17 63	909 48	7 50	8937 21	1173 39	726 74	21	47050	17	18650
Western Canada	.....	209 15	.....	.....	54 57	3 10	1155 16	287 25	14 85	3	5400	4	1840
West Ontario	52 68	739 93	7 18	3 80	428 66	22 75	6559 44	846 81	89 56	27	24900	13	12950
West Iowa	40 51	232 51	3 24	5 40	322 91	28 00	7361 78	1173 70	518 73	35	37450	20	16700
West Kansas	113 91	552 63	11 06	38 59	340 36	28 90	6447 34	913 32	145 70	20	18800	18	12050
Wisconsin	295 61	901 09	45	4 57	379 79	26 49	8073 00	1460 67	762 88	40	46975	15	11550
Total	$5829 52	24983 35	$ 309 36	$ 702 30	$ 22580 02	1212 83	$291584 67	$ 46647 95	15277 60	1168	$ 1,488,380	622	$ 573165

* No report.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—1906

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REV. E. P. HART, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.
REV. B. R. JONES, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.
REV. W. A. SELLEW, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York.
REV. W. T. HOGUE, 2025 Sherman avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

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F. H. ASHCRAFT,
W. A. SELLEW
THOMAS SULLY

*Deceased.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

W. A. SELLEW, term expires 1907.
O. P. RAY, term expires 1907.
S. K. J. CHESBRO, term expires 1907.
E. P. HART, term expires 1911.
B. R. JONES, term expires 1911.
W. T. HOGUE, term expires 1911.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING

The committee met at the publishing house, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1906.

General Superintendent Edward P. Hart, called the committee to order and presided.

Several members ot the committee assisted in conducting the devotional exercises at the several sittings.

All the members of the committee were present except J. S. McCay, who was detained at home on account of the serious illness of his wife.

J. H. Moss had passed to his eternal reward since the last meeting of the committee, and suitable resolutions were adopted in memory of this devoted man of God.

The following members were elected directors for the publishing house: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, T. Sully, F. H. Ashcraft, W. T. Hogue and M. B. Miller.

The secretary reported that releases had been executed and delivered as follows: Sale of parsonage property at Lewis Run, Pennsylvania, and Hites, Pennsylvania, respectively; sale of church property at Catawba, West Virginia, church property in county of Atchison, Missouri, and Early, Iowa; permission to mortgage churches at Braddock, Pennsylvania, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and at McKeesport, Pennsylvania; sale of church property at Kahletown, Pennsylvania, at Cle Elum circuit, Washington, and at Lincoln and Wilson, Kansas, Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, and at Longmont, Colorado.

Permission was granted to sell property as follows: Seattle, Washington; Pierceville, Wisconsin; Fox Hill, New York; New Diggins, Wisconsin.

The committee on the sale of the Harvey lots reported that the lots had not yet been sold. The committee was continued and authorized to sell or dispose by trade or otherwise of the lots in any way which in their judgment they deemed best.

The report of T. Sully, auditor of the Publishing House funds and of the church funds, was adopted. This examination was from October 1, 1905, to April 1, 1906.

Rev. John LaDue was voted an increase of twenty dollars a year for writing the weekly article in the *Free Methodist* on the Sunday-school lessons.

In reply to a communication from a brother in Indianapolis, Indiana, relating to his membership in Typographical Union, Number One, in that city, he still being a member of the Free Methodist church, the following resolution was adopted by the committee:

"1. Inasmuch as every member of the said typographical union is required to solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that he will not reveal any business or proceedings of any meeting of the order except to those whom he knows to be members in good standing thereof, therefore we regard the said typographical union as a secret society according to the definition of such an order as given in our Discipline.

"2. We regard the rule requiring a member of said order to pledge that his fidelity to the union and duty to the members thereof shall in no sense be interfered with by any allegiance that he may owe to any other organization, social, political, or religious, as practically placing the one's obligations and responsibility to the order ahead of his obligations to the church of Christ.

"Therefore, it is our opinion that membership in the typographical union should be regarded as a bar to membership in the Free Methodist church."

The Board of Trustees of the General Conference was requested to execute a quit claim deed for the church property at Spring Hill, Illinois, within the Wabash conference.

A request was made to make provision for organizing an East Texas conference out of

that portion of the Texas conference known as the Nacogdoches district. The request was referred to the General Conference.

The trustees of the General Conference were authorized to execute a warranty deed in common with John C. Keen of Beresford, South Dakota, in favor of Mrs. Hellen Nupen, who had purchased certain farm property previously deeded under certain conditions to the General Conference by the said John C. Keen.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellew submitted a report of his tour to the foreign mission fields, and also a report of the organizing of the South African conference, and the manner of conducting the same until the next session of the General Conference.

S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer, submitted his yearly report, which evidenced an encouraging growth of the publishing house business of our church. His report was adopted.

Rev. J. T. Logan having resigned as office editor of the *Free Methodist*, Mrs. Emma L. Hogue was nominated for that position by the editor and publishers. The nomination was duly confirmed.

W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent, C. B. Ebey, editor of the *Free Methodist*, and W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, gave their annual reports, which were accepted.

Provision was made for a complete inventory to be taken previous to the next General Conference, of all the property belonging to the Publishing House, real and personal. The committee elected to have charge of this work was W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller and W. T. Hogue.

General Superintendent B. R. Jones reported that the Western Canada conference was duly organized July 5, 1906.

A petition was presented by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to provide for two rooms in the new publishing house for the use of the W. F. M. S. The paper was referred to the General Conference.

The following resolution was presented by W. T. Hogue and was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we endorse the new Church Record prepared and published by the publishing agents, and that we recommend and urge upon all our societies that they procure a copy at once, unless already supplied with a similar Record, and make suitable provision for having the same accurately and neatly kept."

Applications for entertaining the next General Conference were received from Ridgway, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Spring Arbor, Michigan; Greenville, Illinois, and Seattle, Washington.

By ballot, the next General Conference was ordered held at Greenville, Illinois.

The publishers were requested to prepare and publish a deed form for church and parsonage property, the form being furnished them by W. B. Rose and W. A. Sellew.

The Executive Committee decided that a person may be received back into full connection in our church upon a certificate of membership from our church given with a view of joining another evangelical church on the same conditions on which one may be received into full connection upon presenting a certificate of membership from another denomination.

T. B. Arnold was elected railroad secretary for the General Conference.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1906.

General Superintendent Wilson T. Hogue presided.

The roll call showed all members present except B. R. Jones and J. Graham.

The treasurer gave his annual report. (See report.)

The board decided that an amount equal to 37 cents per member be raised for the Claimants' Fund.

It was voted to be the sense of the board that no money be advanced during the year on appropriations made to conference claimants.

The minutes were read and declared approved.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1906

CONFERENCE	Apportionment 1906	Paid, 1906	Deficit, 1906	Claimants, 1906	Paid Claimants 1906	Claimants, 1907
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 85 84	$ 63 11	$ 22 73			
California	128 39	128 39		$ 425 00	$ 425 00	$ 330 00
Central Illinois	601 25	601 25		560 00	560 00	550 00
Colorado	128 76	128 76		225 00	225 00	195 00
Columbia River	97 31	97 31		325 00	325 00	325 00
East Michigan	641 95	641 95		666 00	666 00	871 00
East Ontario	224 96	224 96				
Genesee	567 21	567 21		1522 00	1312 00	1335 00
Illinois	354 46	354 46		430 00	430 00	450 00
Iowa	274 17	274 17		220 00	220 00	285 00
Kansas	345 95	345 95		543 00	543 00	521 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	96 57	96 57				
Louisiana	50 69	50 69				
Michigan	338 55	338 55		485 00	485 00	535 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	113 59	113 59		395 00	395 00	715 00
Missouri	87 32	87 32		100 00	100 00	90 00
Nebraska	146 52	146 52		96 00	96 00	116 00
New York	382 58	382 58		400 00	400 00	400 00
North Dakota	59 57	59 57		25 00	25 00	25 00
North Indiana	175 38	175 38		95 00	95 00	95 00
North Michigan	653 42	653 42		561 00	561 00	561 00
North Minnesota	102 12	102 12		45 00	45 00	80 00
Ohio	345 58	345 58				
Oil City	621 97	621 97		128 00	128 00	92 00
Oklahoma	278 61	278 61		315 00	315 00	335 00
Oregon	168 72	168 72				
Pittsburg	539 83	539 83				115 00
Platte River	166 50	166 50				
South African						
South Dakota	146 52	146 52				230 00
Southern California	152 44	152 44		480 00	480 00	515 00
Susquehanna	469 90	469 90		1230 00	1105 00	1135 00
Texas	271 58	271 58		40 00	40 00	50 00
Wabash	296 37	289 45	6 92	90 00	90 00	90 00
Washington	253 82	253 82		90 00	90 00	240 00
Western Canada						
West Iowa	207 20	207 20		330 00	330 00	440 00
West Ontario	241 24	241 24		100 00	100 00	70 00
West Kansas	213 86	213 86		180 00	180 00	45 00
Wisconsin	280 83	280 83		415 00	415 00	415 00
Total	10311 53	10281 88	$ 29 65	10516 00	10181 00	11251 00

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The difference between amount due claimants for 1906 and amount paid is	$ 335 00
This amount was returned to the treasurer.	
Total amount of receipts from Conferences reporting after October 1 was	3048 01
Total payments since October 1	3762 24
Total deficit in this fund for 1905-06 is	714 23

ANNUAL MEETINGS

CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND

Treasurer's report from October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 11 60	$ 11 10	North Minnesota	$ 13 80	$ 13 80
California	17 35	17 35	Ohio	46 70	46 70
Central Illinois	81 25	81 25	Oil City	84 05	84 05
Colorado	17 40	17 23	Oklahoma	37 65	6 95
Columbia River	13 15	13 15	Oregon	22 80	22 80
East Michigan	86 75	86 75	Pittsburg	72 95	72 95
East Ontario	30 40	30 40	Platte River	22 50	22 50
Genesee	76 65	77 80	South African		
Illinois	47 90	47 95	Southern California	20 60	20 60
Iowa	37 05	32 04	South Dakota	19 80	19 80
Kansas	46 75	46 75	Susquehanna	63 50	63 50
Kentucky and Tennessee	13 05	13 05	Texas	36 70	36 70
Louisiana	6 85	6 85	Wabash	40 05	34 35
Michigan	45 75	41 25	Washington	34 30	34 30
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	15 35	15 35	Western Canada		
Missouri	11 80	11 80	West Iowa	28 00	28 00
Nebraska	19 80	19 80	West Kansas	28 90	28 90
New York	51 70	51 70	West Ontario	32 60	32 60
North Dakota	8 05	8 05	Wisconsin	37 95	37 95
North Indiana	23 70	23 70			
North Michigan	88 30	88 30	Total	$1393 45	$1348 07

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1905–1906

Paid to E. P. Hart		$1100 00
Paid to B. R. Jones		1100 00
Paid to W. A Sellew		1100 00
Paid to W. T. Hogue		1100 00
Expenses, etc		381 58
		4781 58
Total receipts 1905-1906	$5028 80	
Amount on hand		$ 247 22

CONFERENCE	Assessment	Paid,	CONFERENCE	Assessment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 41 76	$ 41 82	North Minnesota	49 68	49 68
California	62 47	62 47	Ohio	168 12	168 12
Central Illinois	292 50	292 50	Oil City	302 58	302 58
Colorado	62 64	62 64	Oklahoma	135 54	146 64
Columbia River	47 34	47 34	Oregon	82 08	82 08
East Michigan	312 30	312 30	Pittsburg	262 62	262 62
East Ontario	109 44	109 46	Platte River	81 00	81 00
Genesee	275 94	277 92	South African		
Illinois	172 44	172 61	Southern California	74 16	74 16
Iowa	133 38	133 38	South Dakota	71 28	71 28
Kansas	168 30	168 30	Susquehanna	228 60	228 60
Kentucky and Tennessee	46 98	46 98	Texas	132 12	132 12
Louisiana	24 66	24 66	Wabash	144 18	143 28
Michigan	164 70	164 70	Washington	125 48	123 48
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	55 26	55 26	Western Canada		
Missouri	42 48	42 48	West Iowa	100 80	100 80
Nebraska	71 28	71 28	West Ontario	117 36	117 36
New York	186 12	186 12	West Kansas	104 04	104 04
North Dakota	28 98	28 98	Wisconsin	136 62	136 62
North Indiana	85 32	85 32			
North Michigan	317 88	317 88	Total	$ 5016 43	5028 86

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICERS

REV. W. T. HOGUE, President. REV. B. R. JONES, Vice President.
THOMAS SULLY, Recording Secretary.
REV. M. B. MILLER, Corresponding Secretary. REV. C. B. EBEY, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING, 1906

The board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 10, 1906.

The following members were present: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., W. H. Clark, A. Beers, J. H. Porter, F. H. Ashcraft, M. B. Miller, C. B. Ebey, J. Graham and T. Sully.

W. T. Hogue presided.

The following directors were elected by acclamation unanimously: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., M. B. Miller, W. H. Clark, A. Beers, J. S. McCay, J. H. Porter, C. B. Ebey, J. Graham, T. Sully.

The officers as named above were elected.

The following committees were elected:

On Appropriations—F. H. Ashcraft, W. H. Clark, J. S. McCay, M. B. Miller, C. B. Ebey.

The Auditing Committee—W. A. Sellew, A. Beers, T. Sully.

On Cancellation of Loans—B. R. Jones, W. T. Hogue, J. H. Porter.

On Location of Educational Institutions—E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, C. E. Harroun, Jr.

On Recognition of Schools—A. Beers, W. H. Clark, T. Sully.

On Unpaid Loans—M. B. Miller, C. B. Ebey.

On motion it was decided that when the board adjourns, it does so to meet at the call of the chair during the sitting of the General Conference in June, 1907.

The Advisory Bureau submitted their report which was accepted and placed on file.

The treasurer gave his annual report which was adopted after the auditor's report on the same had been adopted.

The following loans were granted: H. M. Dibble, $50; L. J. Reed, $75; L. C. Waters, $50; H. E. McGill, $60; Jessie E. Burns, $75; D. L. Louer, $50; C. E. Hobert, $80; M. A. Callicotte, $50; O. C. Barnes, $100; Lulu Jiles, $30; Mabel Kidney, $25; Annie Burns, $50; C. E. Hudson, $50. Total, $745.

The committee on appropriations recommended appropriations to W. H. Dreessen, $100; Frances M'Geary, $100; Ethel Ward, $50; and further recommended that the corresponding secretary and treasurer be authorized to loan on proper application to Mary Logan, $100; Emily Logan, $100.

The report and recommendations of the committee were adopted seriatim.

On motion the corresponding secretary was requested to correspond with each of the conferences through the presidents of the same with a view to an increase of collections for the Educational and Children's Funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

Oct. 10, 1906. Balance on hand	$1128 98	
Received on Children's Fund	599 08	
Received on Educational Fund	424 89	
Board of Education	187 66	$2340 61

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Appropriation	$ 815 00		
Expense Board of Education	$12 25		
Expenses Children's Fund	35 50	47 75	862 25
Total			$1478 36
Balance on hand—Children's Fund	$ 832 82		
—Educational Fund	470 13		
—Educational Board account	175 41		$1478 36

Your auditing committee appointed to procure and audit the treasurer's amended statement respectfully report the foregoing as a correct account.

EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDREN'S FUND.

Receipts from October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.

CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund	CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 2 00	$ 3 15	North Minnesota		$ 11 63
California	20 80	8 85	Ohio	$ 8 75	45 11
Central Illinois	8 00	10 21	Oil City	13 70	45 02
Colorado	2 75	8 93	Oklahoma	7 99	36 43
Columbia River	3 32	4 00	Oregon	50	30
East Michigan	16 67	33 25	Pittsburg	10 09	37 10
East Ontario	2 20	61	Platte River	9 54	6 56
Genesee	22 44	65 75	South African		
Illinois	20 35	24 56	South Dakota	4 87	
Iowa	4 20	15 15	Southern California	31 14	24 71
Kansas	8 61	24 82	Susquehanna	95	15 50
Kentucky and Tennessee		3 71	Texas		
Louisiana			Wabash	11 12	35 64
Michigan	7 12	7 40	Washington	8 80	17 63
Minnesota and Northern Iowa		12 10	West Canada		
Missouri	20	1 95	West Iowa	3 24	5 40
Nebraska	1 65	7 65	West Ontario	6 78	2 80
New York	9 79	31 02	West Kansas	11 06	34 64
North Dakota	6 50	15 59	Wisconsin	45	4 50
North Indiana	2 15	15 63			
North Michigan		14 34	Total	$ 267 63	$ 631 6

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES EXPENSES

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.

CONFERENCES	Assessment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Assessment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 37 12	$ 2 08	North Minnesota	$ 44 16	$ 44 16
California	55 52		Ohio	149 44	149 44
Central Illinois	260 00	260 00	Oil City	268 96	268 96
Colorado	55 68	55 68	Oklahoma	120 48	120 48
Columbia River	42 08		Oregon	72 96	12 48
East Michigan	277 70	277 60	Pittsburg	233 44	233 44
East Ontario	97 28	97 39	Platte River	72 00	72 00
Genesee	245 28	245 28	South African		
Illinois	153 28	98 88	Southern California	65 92	
Iowa	118 56	118 56	South Dakota	63 36	63 36
Kansas	149 60	149 60	Susquehanna	203 20	203 20
Kentucky and Tennessee	41 76	26 55	Texas	117 44	117 44
Louisiana	21 92	21 92	Wabash	128 16	126 14
Michigan	146 40	146 40	Washington	109 76	3 04
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	49 12	49 12	Western Canada		
Missouri	37 76	37 76	West Iowa	89 60	89 60
Nebraska	63 36	63 36	West Kansas	92 48	92 48
New York	165 44	165 44	West Ontario	104 32	26 64
North Dakota	25 76	25 76	Wisconsin	121 44	121 44
North Indiana	75 84	75 84			
North Michigan	282 56	282 56	Total	$4459 14	3944 06

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

The board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 11, 1906.

Thirteen members answered to the roll call.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided.

Three sittings of the board were held.

The treasurer gave his annual report. (See report).

His report was unanimously adopted.

The following members were elected directors: J. S. M'Geary, B. R. Jones, W. T. Hogue, W. B. Olmstead and B. Winget.

It was on motion ordered that no allowance be granted to any church until the church is completed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the maximum allowance granted by this board on each application shall be 7 per cent. of the valuation of both site and building; and that no amount be allowed less than $25.00.

It was moved that the missionary secretary be requested to prepare a statement for publication in the *Free Methodist* stating the large amounts asked for this year from the Church Extension Fund in proportion to the valuation of the church property, and the fact that the maximum amount granted in any case was 7 per cent. of the total valuation of both site and building, and such action was taken not only because of the large number of applications for aid, but also because of the aggregate amount asked being greatly in excess of the probable amount available for meeting the same. Carried.

Applications for aid were considered, and the following appropriations granted. (See list.)

APPROPRIATIONS, 1906–1907

CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
California	Sacramento	$ 170 00
Central Illinois	Dutch Hollow, Alma and Belleville	170 00
East Michigan	Gladwin and South Butman	50 00
East Michigan	Wilson and Rayburn	60 00
Eastern Ontario	Westport	55 00
Eastern Ontario	Gravenhurst	130 00
Illinois	Rock Island	185 00
Illinois	Kempton circuit	50 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Wrightsburg and Beech Grove	50 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Bradysville	50 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Nolensville	50 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Franklin	50 00
Michigan	Coldwater	150 00
Missouri	St. Joseph	130 00
New York	Dorranceton	35 00
North Michigan	Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen	65 00
North Michigan	Saint Louis	60 00
Ohio	Dugan Hill	50 00
Ohio	Columbus	170 00
Ohio	Warren and Cortland	130 00
Oklahoma	Poarch, Hefner and Lone Wolf	60 00
Oregon	Medford and Jacksonville	85 00
Oregon	Estacada	65 00
Oregon	Ashland	110 00
Pittsburg	Catawba, Mt. Sharon, etc	85 00
Platte River	Minden	65 00
Southern California	San Diego	50 00
Susquehanna	Corinth	40 00
Susquehanna	East and West Caton and Pettigrove	40 00
Susquehanna	Weedsport	50 00
Texas	Roddy and Van	40 00
Texas	Paradise and Hopewell	40 00
Washington	Sunnydale	65 00
West Iowa	Merrill and LeMars	130 00
West Ontario	Marston, Houghton and Bayhorn	30 00
West Ontario	Thedford and Grand Bend	50 00
West Kansas	Leoti	50 00
Western Canada	Moose Jaw	140 00
Total		$3055 00
Incidental expenses		200 00
Grand total		$3255 00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1905 to October 1, 1906

RECEIPTS

To amount on hand, October 1, 1905	$ 41 04
To receipts from October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906	2517 62
Total	$2558 66

DISBURSEMENTS

Arkansas and South'n Missouri, Hot Spr'gs.	$ 50 00	Oregon, Grant's Pass	200 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri, West Plains	150 00	Pittsburg, Mars	125 00
Central Illinois, Mount Vernon	100 00	Platte River, Edison and Arapahoe	100 00
Kansas, Pittsburg Mission	100 00	Platte River, Cambridge	90 00
Kansas, Manhattan	125 00	Susquehanna, Gloversville	75 00
Kansas, Winfield	120 00	Texas, Nacogdoches	60 00
North Indiana, Medaryville	150 00	Texas, Quinlan	75 00
North Indiana, Sugar Grove	75 00	Wabash, Pine Village, etc	50 00
Ohio, Cleveland	200 00	Wisconsin, Humbird	200 00
Ohio, Mansfield	75 00	Washington, Tacoma	300 00
Oklahoma, Wisby	75 00	Amount of expense acct	192 00
Oregon, Newburg	80 00	Total	$2767 00
Amount overdrawn October 1, 1906		$ 208 34	

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS.

Received from Conferences reporting after October 1, 1906	$505 72
Amount on hand 1905-06 account	$ 297 38

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1905, TO OCTOBER 1, 1906.

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 23 10	$ 15 25	North Minnesota	$ 27 60	$ 27 60
California	34 70	34 70	Ohio	93 40	93 40
Central Illinois	162 50	162 50	Oil City	168 10	168 10
Colorado	34 80	34 60	Oklahoma	75 30	65 30
Columbia River	26 30	26 30	Oregon	45 60	45 60
East Michigan	173 50	173 50	Pittsburg	145 90	145 90
East Ontario	60 80	60 80	Platte River	45 00	45 00
Genesee	153 30	157 24	South African		
Illinois	95 80	95 10	Southern California	41 20	41 20
Iowa	74 10	62 32	South Dakota	39 60	39 60
Kansas	93 50	93 50	Susquehanna	127 00	127 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	26 10	26 10	Texas	73 40	73 40
Louisiana	13 70	13 70	Wabash	80 10	77 60
Michigan	91 50	91 50	Washington	68 60	68 60
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	30 70	17 70	Western Canada		
Missouri	23 60	23 60	West Iowa	56 00	56 00
Nebraska	39 60	39 60	West Kansas	57 80	57 80
New York	103 40	103 40	West Ontario	65 20	65 20
North Dakota	16 10	16 10	Wisconsin	75 90	65 76
North Indiana	47 40	47 40			
North Michigan	176 60	176 60	Total	$2786 80	2734 57

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NAMES OF MEMBERS

Rev. B. R. Jones, President,
Rev. B. Winget, Secretary,
S. K. J. Chesbro, Treasurer,
Rev. E. P. Hart,
Rev. W. A. Sellew,
Rev. W. T. Hogue,
Thomas Sully, First District,
Rev. J. S. M'Geary, Second district,
Rev. J. A. Watson, Third District,
Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Fourth District,
J. H. Porter, Fifth District,
J. Graham, Sixth District,
Rev. C. E. Harroun, Jr., Seventh District,
Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, W. F. M. S.,
Mrs. M. M. Robinson, W. F. M. S.,
Mrs. T. B. Arnold, W. F. M. S.

DIRECTORS OF BOARD

Rev. B. R. Jones,
Rev. W. T. Hogue,
Rev. J. S. M'Geary,
Rev. W. B. Olmstead,
Rev. B. Winget.

The General Missionary Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, as per notice published in the *Free Methodist*, October 11, 1906, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

The president, B. R. Jones, called the board to order and presided.

Scripture was read by B. Winget and prayer offered by W. A. Sellew.

The secretary called the roll and all the members answered to their names.

The work of the Board of Directors for the past year was reported and accepted.

Some items of business as reported, are as follows:

The report of the missionary secretary was accepted concerning the Famine Fund money in India as follows: Of the $2.000 of the Famine Fund money now loaned to the general fund, enough be used to pay the balance of $725 necessary to cover the balance of expenses remaining unpaid in erecting an industrial building for orphan boys and for repairs on the girls' orphanage in India; and further that enough be appropriated to meet any special needs of the orphans for this year, and the remainder continued as a loan to the general fund.

Miss Laura E. Millican was accepted as a missionary to Japan, to go out with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper. Action was taken whereby legal provision could be made so that certain interest money may be paid to the treasurer from an oil well left to the General Missionary Board by one James George, of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

The board approved the sending of financial aid to Brother N. B. Smith, and the issuing of an appeal by the missionary secretary to our people for him through the *Free Methodist*.

Miss Lily M. Peterson was accepted and appointed as a missionary to China.

Provision was made for the return home on a furlough of F. Grace Allen in June, 1906.

Miss Jessie W. Lively was accepted and conditionally appointed to go as a missionary to India this fall.

The board authorized the sum of $500 to be advanced to complete the building at Dharwa.

The secretary and treasurer were authorized to pay out the following moneys:

(a) Enough funds to W. F. Matthewson to keep the work moving in Osaka.

(b) An advance of $600 as a loan to the missionaries in China to be used in erecting a summer home at Chi Kong Shan.

(c) Five hundred dollars to complete the mission house at Inhambane, or so much thereof as is necessary.

A gift of 782 shares of certain mining stock by one Henry Nelson, of Easton, Washington, was accepted by the board.

The missionary secretary presented his annual report which was received. (See report.)

It was ordered that all of the annual report of the missionary secretary be published in tract form for distribution, at a price sufficient to cover cost of publication.

The members of the Board of Directors were elected as follows. (See list above.)

The annual report of C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, was read, and received. (See report.)

The annual report of Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, general missionary, was read and on motion was received.

It was ordered that all the other general missionaries appointed by this board be requested to make a report.

The annual report of general conference evangelist, W. G. Hanmer, was read and on motion was received.

A statement was made by the missionary secretary that an appropriation of $150 was asked for by general conference evangelist, C. W. Stamp, in aid of the work in the New England states.

It was moved that C. W. Stamp be advised to spend as much time as practicable in the New England states in order to strengthen the work already started there, and his request for $150 for additional expenses be allowed.

The request of the Colorado conference for the services of W. G. Hanmer for some weeks during the coming winter was referred to him for his immediate notice; and also a request from Erie, Pennsylvania, in the bounds of the Oil City conference; as also a request from the Northwest.

The committee on bequests submitted their annual report which was received.

A communication from Rev. and Mrs. Ernest F. Ward was received relating to their sympathy and accordance with the polity and teachings of the Free Methodist church and their belief in the method and polity of the said church in conducting foreign missionary work. The communication was received and the statements contained therein deemed entirely satisfactory.

A communication pertaining to home missionary work among the Scandinavian people in this country, referred to this board from the Illinois conference was received and referred to a special committee, which reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCANDINAVIAN WORK

Your committee to whom was referred the paper addressed to the Illinois conference, and by that body referred to the General Missionary Board, respecting the opening of Scandinavian Free Methodist work in this country, beg leave to report that they are pleased with the general character of the paper, and with the idea of having such a work opened as the paper contemplates. But they regard the whole matter as at present of too indefinite a character to warrant the missionary board in taking definite steps toward the opening of such a work. We would recommend, however, that the missionary secretary give this matter such attention as he may think proper, and that he inform the parties who signed the paper, that whenever they are able to organize such a work as their petition contemplates, and its claims for aid come before our board in the regular disciplinary way, we will give the same consideration thereto as is given to our regular work under English speaking administration.

E. P. HART,
C. E. HARROUN, JR.,
WILSON T. HOGUE.

The missionary secretary made a verbal statement regarding the change of mind of W. F. Matthewson and wife concerning their return to this country.

The annual report of M. C. Clarke, in charge of the Boys' Industrial School at Yeotmal was read.

Rev. J. T. Taylor was elected as superintendent of the mission work in India. It was ordered that in case of his return to this country, or his being incapacitated for service in India, M. C. Clarke be appointed superintendent.

As per a recommendation of the missionaries in India, M. C. Clarke was elected treasurer in India.

The following action was taken regarding the carrying on of the work connected with the Boys' Industrial School in India:

"From all the information we can obtain it appears to us that the interest of our mission work in India would be best secured and conserved by making the superintendent of the boys' orphanage at Yeotmal, in conducting the industrial department of that mission, accountable to the board at home, and that he should not be subject in such matters to the vote of the missionaries on the field.

"It is also our opinion that it would not be injurious to the best interests of our mission work for the superintendent of our boys' orphanage to accept the agency to sell such machines and tools as he may have proven by actual use to be suited to the needs of the natives and we approve of his doing so if he thinks best, provided that the profits of such sales shall go towards the support of the industrial department of the mission."

S. K. J. Chesbro gave his report as treasurer, which was received.

The report was on motion adopted.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellew reported verbally as to the condition of the mission work in China.

C. Floyd Appleton was appointed superintendent of our mission work in China.

W. F. Matthewson was elected superintendent of our mission work in Japan.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation and general satisfaction of General Superintendent Sellew's labors in the foreign field and that we tender him a vote of thanks for his excellent representation of our foreign missionary work to this board.

The following communication was on motion accepted:

The executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in regular session assembled, respectfully present the following resolution to the General Missionary Board:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and their constituency that they should be represented on the Board of Directors.

MARY L. COLEMAN, President,
HELEN H. JONES, Recording Secretary.

The following communication was received, and was on motion referred to the General Conference for consideration:

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in regular session assembled, present their request to the General Missionary Board for a Woman's Auxiliary Board consisting of the members of the Executive Committee to have the first examination of women candidates for the foreign mission field. If the candidates prove to be disqualified, they shall not come before the General Missionary Board. If they are approved, the applicants shall be passed on for consideration and appointment by the General Missionary Board, or the Board of Directors.

MARY L. COLEMAN, President,
HELEN H. JONES, Recording Secretary.

J. P. Brodhead was duly elected superintendent of all our mission work in Africa.

A committee consisting of W. A. Sellew, J. S. M'Geary, J. A. Watson, and F. Grace Allen, as advisory member, was appointed to take into consideration the interests of the mission farm in South Africa, and the prerogatives that should be given W. S. Woods, as manager of the farm.

Their report, which was as follows, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that in view of the fact that W. S. Woods has been sent to Fairview to take charge of the farm, J. P. Brodhead, superintendent on the field, should be relieved from all responsibility for the conduct and management of the

same, and that Brother Woods be given entire charge of the farm work and made directly responsible to the General Missionary Board. Provided, however, that Brother Woods shall in all matters pertaining to dealing with the natives as tenants act in conjunction with the superintendent.

A committee to whom was referred the matter of the shipping of missionary boxes to our foreign missionaries reported as follows, which report was adopted:

"1. It is the judgment of your committee that in view of the needs of other fields and of the further fact that fruits of various kinds are grown on the farm at Fairview, more liberal supplies of dried fruits and like articles should be sent to other stations than to Fairview.

"2. That in view of the increased quantity of goods shipped each year in missionary boxes, it will be necessary for individuals or local or conference societies to make their own shipments instead of sending all goods to the publishing house to be shipped as heretofore.

"3. That we refer the matter of devising some method of arranging for these shipments to the General Missionary Board at the General Conference and the general society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at the quadrennial meeting.

Provision was made for J. P. Brodhead's return to America in the spring of 1907 so as to arrive here immediately before the opening of the General Conference.

The following report was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RETURN OF BROTHER AND SISTER BRODHEAD AND CHILDREN

Your comimttee to consider the length of the furlough to be granted the Rev. J. P. Brodhead, and also to consider the advisability of arranging for the return of his wife and their children at the time of his return, would respectfully submit the following as their report:

First. We do not see how the missionary board can at present consistently provide for Brother Brodhead to be absent from the South African field more than one year, and we therefore recommend that the furlough granted him shall be for one year only.

Second. In our judgment it would be better for the South African work if Sister Brodhead, whose knowledge of that work with all its conditions and needs is more extensive than that of most of those who would be left on the field in case of Brother Brodhead's return, could remain on the field during her husband's absence therefrom, providing satisfactory arrangements to that effect can be made between Brother Brodhead, herself and the other missionaries; but if such arrangements cannot be made with general satisfaction to all parties concerned, we recommend that she be authorized to return with Brother Brodhead.

Third. With respect to Brother Brodhead's children we recommend that in case Brother and Sister Brodhead both return, provision be made for the return of their children also, provided the object of their return be that of leaving them in this country to be educated; but if they are not to be left here we do not think the missionary board should be responsible financially for their return. COMMITTEE.

On motion it was ordered that action in the case of erecting a boys' schoolhouse at Greenville mission station be deferred till the next session of the General Conference.

During the fourth sitting of the missionary board a communication was received from N. B. Peterson who had donated certain property to the missionary board for China at its meeting held at Greenville, Illinois, in connection with the General Conference in June, 1903, inclosing a draft for $4,000. Following the receipt of this gift the doxology was sung and prayer was offered by W. B. Olmstead and B. Winget.

On motion of W. A. Sellew it was ordered that it is the sense of this board that this gift of $4,000 be used exclusively for the purchase of permanent mission property in China.

A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the hearty thanks and appreciation of the gift of N. B. Peterson.

Clyde Curtis Foreman was accepted and appointed as a missionary to Inhambane, East Africa.

The case of Matilda Deyo was referred to the Board of Directors.

Melvin E. Callicotte of Seattle, Washington, was accepted as a missionary and appointed to India.

A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. J. H. Wyatt of Hermon, California, for his gift of $1,000 for foreign missions.

Gertrude Alcorn was accepted as a missionary in India, she having labored there for some months, and having been received on probation by General Superintendent W. A. Sellew.

Charlotte E. Johns was accepted for missionary work in Japan, providing she will consent to go to that field.

Thomas B. Young of Portland, Oregon, was accepted and appointed as a missionary to China.

W. A. Sellew gave a written report of his tour to the foreign mission fields and also a statement of his expenses incurred on this trip. His report was unanimously received.

Maggie LaBarr was accepted and appointed as a missionary to Africa, with the understanding she be associated with Nellie Reed in school work at Fairview, South Africa.

A resolution was passed advising candidates for the various foreign mission fields to be as concise as possible in stating their experience and call to the missionary work and that in securing testimonials they request those writing such letters to confine them to from 100 to 150 words if practical.

A committee of five was appointed to prepare a suitable blank for securing information desired in the cases of applicants for the foreign fields.

Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Ghormley were on motion not accepted for appointment as foreign missionaries.

George D. Schlosser was accepted for the foreign mission work and appointed to Africa.

It was decided to be the sense of this board that the next woman considered for appointment as a missionary to China be Edith F. Jones of Jamestown, New York.

Action in the case of Clarence B. Wiggin of Evansville, Wisconsin, was deferred till the next session of the board.

Action in the case of Herbert M. Damon was postponed until the next session of the board.

Action in the case of Lucy H. Tittemore of St. Armand Centre, Province of Quebec, Canada, was on motion postponed.

Action in the case of Harriet V. Dalrymple of Pittsfield, Pennsylvania, was postponed until she finishes her college course in June, 1907.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rebecca Sellew has recently made a journey around the world visiting all of our mission stations, and thoroughly informing herself with respect to the nature and needs of our work; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Sellew has a large and very excellent collection of curios; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Sellew has been delivering missionary addresses and assisting in missionary meetings with great acceptability, her services being in great demand throughout the bounds of our church, therefore,

Resolved, That we request Sister Sellew to labor until the time of our next General Conference in holding missionary meetings and organizing Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies as far as possible under the direction of the missionary secretary, and that in addition to expenses we pay her half salary as a slight token of our appreciation of her services.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that when any of our missionaries are returned from the foreign field on account of poor health, provision should be made for them to have a period of rest for at least two months before they are called upon to engage in public work; and,

Further, that when any of them are returned to the foreign field, or new missionaries

are sent out, they should be allowed a reasonable period of rest at least one month before sailing for their fields of labor.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that no encouragement should be given at this time for the opening of new work in the Philippines. The missionary secretary was requested to notify the contributors of certain funds for missionary work in the Philippines, of the above action, that their contributions were held subject to their direction in harmony with the above decision.

It was moved to be the sense of the board that missionaries on probation in India, if their necessities require, and upon recommendation of the superintendent on that field, be allowed full salary, providing they do full missionary work.

Action in the case of Miss Rose Cox, now laboring in this country as a returned missionary from India, was deferred until the time of the next session of the board, and in the meantime her relation to the board continues the same as in the past year.

Provision was made for the return to this country of T. Kawabe, our principal native missionary in Japan, in time for the next session of the General Conference, with the understanding that he remain in this country at least three months, and if for a longer period, the matter be left to the judgment of the missionary secretary.

The general missionaries gave yearly reports of their work for the past year. Mrs. Rebecca Sellew stated in her report that she gladly relinquished all right to any salary for her services from the board, and that she gladly and freely offered her services to the church. Their reports were received.

The missionary secretary read the yearly report of Esther D. Clark, our missionary to San Domingo. Her report was received.

The course of study for our missionaries in Africa, as also the recommendations concerning the same, were read by the secretary and were adopted.

W. T. Hogue was made a committee to investigate the matter of the proposed gift to the board by Mr. Shepardson, of Gueydan, Louisiana.

It was ordered that the missionary secretary and treasurer be authorized to issue "Letters of Credit" to a banking corporation at Shanghai or Hankow, and allow our superintendents in China and Japan to issue drafts payable by the bank to whom such "Letters" are sent to the amount indicated in the "Letters."

C. Floyd Appleton was authorized to attend the China Centenary Mission Conference, to be held at Shanghai, China, April 25-May 6, 1907, at the expense of the General Missionary Board.

A committee was on motion appointed to prepare for our missionaries on the foreign field a cable code, or recommend the adoption of one already prepared, such committee to report at the next session of the board.

A communication was received from the Haystack Committee having in charge arrangements for the anniversary of the Haystack Prayer Meeting to be held in New York, November 14, 1906. This plan met the hearty approval of the board, and our people, wherever possible, were urged to co-operate in carrying out the spirit of it.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that our people should not raise money for opening missionary work on new fields which the board has not decided to enter, nor for the support of missionaries whose cases have not received the favorable action of the board.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Mrs. Kitty Wood Kumarakulasinghe, who expected soon to return to Ceylon as a missionary, reported as follows; which report was adopted.

1. Though it would be very desirable to open up a work in the Island of Ceylon, we do not see our way clear to do so at present on account of a lack of funds.

2. We desire our Sister Kumarakulasinghe to be associated with our church as a board missionary.

3. We recommend that she be employed in a relation similar to that of Sister Esther D. Clark, and that she be allowed $100 a year.

4. We to pay her traveling expenses from Albion, New York.

The treasurer, S. K. J. Chesbro, gave his report of the General Mission Funds. (See report V.) His report was on motion adopted.

It was on motion ordered that when the board adjourn they do so to meet at the seat of the General Conference at Greenville, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 12, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m.

It was moved to be the sense of this board that we urge the Board of Directors and the missionary secretary to use strong efforts to secure such missionaries as are needed to fill the places in Africa now vacant, or about to become vacant.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the President and Members of the General Missionary Board:

Dear Brethren and Fellow Workers:—I acknowledge with gratitude to our heavenly Father his blessing which has been on our work, both on the home and on the foreign field, and his presence which has been with our workers during the past year.

I am pleased to inform you that the total of all moneys reported by the general treasurer of the women's societies, as raised for the general foreign missionary, and for the various other funds in aid of our foreign work the past year is $32,721.71. This is an increase above the report of last year of $8,122.74. This increase is more than is reported as raised by the pastors, and from all other sources. The reports also show that while the women's societies have made this very gratifying increase the amount raised by the pastors, and from all other sources, shows a decrease of $569.00. However, it should be borne in mind that quite a large portion of this amount, which has been credited to the women's societies, has been raised through the hearty co-operation of the pastors. The zeal and success of the women's societies in raising funds to send out the "messengers of good tidings" are evidencing more and more the latent possibilities of our people, and are an inspiration to the faith of the church, and to those in the vanguard of the battle in far-away lands. May this good work go on until all of our people shall recognize their privileges, and joyfully accept them. I think, as a church, we are third if not second, in the average amount given per member, yearly, for foreign missions. Is it not the good pleasure of our glorious Leader that as we are in the vanguard of his militant host in holding up the standard of experimental and practical holiness, so we should be in the vanguard in helping to fulfil the "great commission?"

The visit of General Superintendent and Mrs. Sellew to the foreign field was highly appreciated by our workers, and was made a special blessing both to them and to the work and will doubtless result in greater blessings.

I am glad to inform you that the reports from the whole field show increase on different lines, as follows:

In the number of white missionaries, thirteen; in native male workers, five; in native female workers, one; increase in number of organized churches, two; increase in number of members in Africa, fifty-eight; increase in members in India, two; increase of members in Japan, sixty-four.

The increase in probationers in Africa the past year was 43. There was a decrease of one in India, and an increase of probationers in Japan of 336.

The decrease of communicants in Africa was one; increase in communicants in India, four; increase of communicants in Japan, 400.

The increase in the number of those who received instruction regularly in Africa the past year is 335; in India no change; in Japan an increase of 92. The increase in the number who receive instruction occasionally in Africa is 1450; in India no change; in Japan the increase is 9,800.

There has been a decrease of one in the number of boy orphans in India, and the number of girl orphans remains the same.

There has been an increase in the number of children supported in Africa of 58. Total number of scholars converted, 81, an increase of seven above what was reported in 1905.

There has been a decrease of three the past year, in the number of Sunday schools, but an increase in the number of scholars of 344. A decrease in the number of village and day schools of two, and a decrease of scholars in these schools of 26.

The whole amount contributed by the natives during the past year on the various fields is $908.18; of this $387.17 was contributed by native Christians in Africa. This was a decrease of native contributions in Africa to the amount of $45.37. The amount contributed in India last year was $24.36, the increase for the past year being $9.39. The amount contributed in 1904-1905 in Japan was $157.87, the increase the last year being $329.39. The total increase in contributions from the whole work the past year is $293.32. I judge the reason why the report of native contributions from Africa shows a decrease from last year is because this report is given for only a part of the year, perhaps for six months. Also bear in mind, in reading the reports of increase or decrease in members and probationers in Africa that these reports include a short period of about six months.

It is readily seen by these statistics that the Lord has been giving us special encouragement during the past year in our foreign work.

The needs of the various missions call loudly to us for more workers and increasing means to enlarge and more thoroughly establish the work.

AFRICA

INHAMBANE

Because of the unhealthfulness of the climate at this place our workers have not spent all of their time there. Brother Haley and wife were away from their work at Inhambane for about five months, and Dr. and Mrs. Backenstoe were also away part of the time. It is hoped that as soon as the mission house is fully completed so that our workers can live in the upper story, they will be enabled to remain on the field a much larger portion of the time. Through the labors of J. W. Haley, Brothers Miller and Skorpen, the house has been put in a condition so that it can conveniently be occupied. The two last named workers have gone to Natal.

J. W. Haley and Dr. Backenstoe both report encouragement in the work at the different stations. In reporting our work there Dr. Backenstoe says that it extends ninety miles south and forty west of Inhambane, and is a third of all of our work in Africa. J. P. Brodhead, referring to it, says that in population it is not equaled by any other of our fields in Africa.

The statistics show an increase over last year, as follows: One additional missionary, Mrs. J. W. Haley; increase in members, four; in probationers, 25.

It is evident that our work at Inhambane must be done principally by native evangelists; however, we need enough missionaries there to take the oversight of the work. At present J. W. Haley has charge of the work, and he and Mrs. Haley are the only persons who are doing regular missionary work. Dr. Backenstoe and wife devote their time and labors to medical work principally. They have done a large amount of work in their line. Mrs. Backenstoe proves to be a very valuable help to the doctor in his work. Her labors in providing clothing and looking after the needs of the 175 children who are supported there by persons and organizations in America, have been very helpful. In connection with their work they have had a kind of hospital in a hut since about the last of November, 1905. Doubtless their work might be much more fruitful in results could there be needed provision made for a hospital in connection with the same. J. P. Brodhead in writing concerning it says that a hospital room, medicines, etc., are needed. We are thankful that our missionaries at this place have had so much strength for service during the past year, and that their labors have brought forth such encouraging results.

Some of the needs of the field, as represented by them, are as follows:

First. Provision for a training school for those who are expected to be workers. The supply for this school would naturally come from the children who are now in the ele-

mentary schools taught by the native evangelists. J. W. Haley thinks more scholars can be gathered into such a school than can be had for the school at Greenville. He thinks it is too far and too costly to send students from there to Greenville. According to his statement it will cost, as far as buildings are concerned for this purpose, about $500 for the next three years. He is now having a new school building put up at a cost of $100. It would need a man, or a man and wife, to take charge of this school. He should learn the Portuguese, and the native language, and should be capable of teaching music. The Portuguese are not favorable to having the English or the Zulu languages taught in their colony, hence, if our missionaries succeed in our work there, it will be necessary for them to learn the Portuguese language.

Second. We need a man and wife to be associated with J. W. Haley in the regular mission work so that should sickness or death take him or the other missionary from the field there will still be a missionary to take charge.

J. W. Haley thinks a new mission house for white missionaries should be built soon at Nyanjele. This is about fifty miles from Inhambane. Brother Miller, who has been employed in our work, and has labored at Edwaleni, recently made a visit to Inhambane, and would like to locate his mission at Nyanjele. Evidently, our missionaries would prefer to have him locate there rather than have any other missionaries.

Third. Our missionaries think that five chapels, or outstations, are needed. They will cost about twenty-five dollars each.

I am pleased to inform you that a grant of fifty dollars worth of Bibles from the American Bible Society has been secured. I understand this was through the efforts of Brother Sellew.

FAIRVIEW

This is considered our principal station in Africa, and a kind of center of our work. It certainly is so far as our work in Natal, Pondoland, etc., is concerned. Although the reports of progress at this point have not been as encouraging as at some other points, nevertheless, some fruit has been given and our missionaries are encouraged to look for greater things. There have been some special testings during the past year. The trouble between the government and the natives concerning the collection of the poll tax from the natives has resulted in serious disturbances in different places, and some of this trouble has been felt at Fairview among the tribe to which some of our native Christians belong; and because of their associations with their tribe they suffered the loss of cattle. They felt their loss very much, although they showed a commendable spirit of Christian submission. It is hoped that this trouble is about over.

The sickness of Brother Brodhead has interfered somewhat with the work. We are sorry that he has been bearing too heavy burdens, and laboring too hard for his strength. We are hoping that provision may be made so that this will not seem necessary. Aside from him, our other missionaries at Fairview have been in usual health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woods are looking after the farm interests as best they can in view of their inexperience, and of the fact that they are not yet acquainted with the language. They have been called to accept of greater responsibilities than was at first expected. I am pleased to know that though this is the case, they are accepting them in the spirit of courage and hope. It is greatly to be desired that some provision shall be made and some plans carried out so that our efforts to reap better results from our land at Fairview shall be a realization.

I am pleased to inform you that since the action of our directors was taken, by which they decided not to accept of Mr. Cruikshank's offer, and sell him 100 acres of our land on the Umzumbi River, adjoining his, he has written to General Superintendent Sellew, and expressed his willingness to aid Brother Woods, by advice, or otherwise, in looking after our farm interests. He thinks there are large possibilities for our work from a wise use of our land. The manner in which he writes about our work indicates, not only his appreciation of it, but, also, that he is a Christian gentleman. I am much pleased to know that our

missionaries have such a neighbor, who is interested in the success of their work and ours, and, above all, in the increase and triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The labors of J. W. Haley and wife, while he was there as pastor, were made a blessing. A. E. Haley labored there a part of the time, having charge of the farm interests, but as provision had not been made for the enlargement of the work on temporal lines we could not expect much results.

Good reports have come to your secretary in regard to the station and the Girls' school. Miss Reed, writing about the Girls' school says: "There has been an attendance of forty-three during the year. They have spent six hours daily in school work, except Saturdays, four hours in the gardens, two hours in sewing. On Saturdays they have practise in general work, a number having had training in washing, ironing, house-cooking and other kinds of housework. We have endeavored to give them a well rounded education, spiritually, mentally and physically."

Evidently, the school has deeply felt the loss of Stephen and Martha as they had served there for years; however, Miss Nellie Fayers has taken Martha's place and evidently is doing good work. The school has received a grant of $84.80 from August 1, 1905, till April 1, 1906. I think this does not include the full grant, but a further appropriation is given for the fourth quarter.

The station school has been prosperous, as there has been a good attendance, and they have had the services of a well qualified teacher.

As expressed by our superintendent, the greatest need at Fairview is a well qualified man and wife for the pastorate at that place. The change in pastors there causes a lack in efficiency on this line of work.

Brother Brodhead is looking forward with expectancy to his return to the home land next year, and he and his wife have expressed their desire to have provision made for Sister Brodhead and the children to return with him.

The increase in members at Fairview is 22; in probationers 18.

ITEMBA

Our work at Itemba has made substantial progress during the past year. There has been no withdrawal from any of the outposts of the mission. Lucy Hartman has labored as evangelist, and Margaret Nickel as teacher, assisted by a native by the name of Zaka. Two Sunday-schools have been maintained a part of the year, and one the whole of the year. One day school has been carried on; three weekly class-meetings have been held at two different places, and six weekly prayer-meetings at as many different places. Six native evangelists have been employed, who have patiently, diligently and successfully labored in the mission.

The first district quarterly meeting after the organization of the mission conference, was held at this place, and a very encouraging report was given of the same. The work at this place has gone steadily forward, and our two sisters have shown both wisdom and zeal in their labors.

EDWALENI

Our work at this place has been supplied the past year by A. A. Miller and wife, and Miss Gunhild Spilhaug. They have been assisted by two native evangelists. Their labors have been blessed of God, the whole work has been revived, new preaching places have been opened and are being maintained. A day school has been kept up with gratifying results. There has been an increase of five members and four probationers.

GREENVILLE

The fore part of the year J. W. Haley was in charge of the work. The training school was opened while he was there with one Basuto and one Inhambane boy. Before he left in November, the number of students had increased to eight.

At the organization of the conference, October 11, 1905, Carroll and Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith were appointed to this field. A Brother Porter has been helping them by teaching

the students on industrial lines. As a part of their work the students are expected to hold services in the surrounding kraals.

Three native evangelists have rendered efficient service. Masala, our old teacher of the station school at Fairview, is one of these, and he has been abundant in labors, has preached in chapel and kraal, taught school, worked with his hands, etc.

Another mission site has been freely granted in Chief Balene's dominion, about twenty miles from Greenville. He called our missionaries to work among his people a year ago. He wants only one missionary, and there is no white missionary working among his people. Brother Smith states that Balene's country is almost twice as thickly settled as the country at Greenville. He thinks a man should be sent out at once for that work. A small amount is asked to commence the building work there.

The reported increase in members is 13, in probationers, seven.

Our missionaries feel that a man and wife of experience are imperatively needed to take charge of the Training School, so that Brother and Sister Smith can give their time to pastoral and evangelistic work.

GRIQUALAND

This is another colony under the cape government. Work was commenced there by a Brother Caldwell, as a supply under Brother Brodhead. Unforeseen circumstances called him home to Scotland, and at the last session of the mission conference Brother A. E. Haley was appointed to this field. At present he is the only missionary there. He is assisted by a native helper.

A building site of six acres has been deeded to us for the nominal sum of one shilling. It is in a very thickly populated country. Funds are asked for use in building the coming year.

UMUSA

Brother and Sister Ryff and a supply, Brother Kragerud, also one native worker, are laboring at this place.

In accordance with the advice of General Superintendent Sellew, it was thought that another site had been secured for enlarging the work, but a recent letter from Brother Ryff states that there is some uncertainty in regard to it, because the government has decided that the law makes no provision for the erection of school buildings on mining claims. They have made an appeal to the commissioner of mines, and to his excellency, Lord Selborne.

Brother and Sister Ryff are conducting a Sunday-school for white children, averaging about 100 scholars. In a recent letter Brother Ryff reports as follows:

"Last Sunday we had 104 in the Sunday-school for white children, 45 in the native service, and about 50 in the service for whites in the evening. The friends and missionaries have contributed about $70.00 for chairs with which to seat the chapel for white services."

The work is moving forward both among the natives and whites. Increase reported in members two, in probationers one. Our workers are full of courage and faith for the work.

INDIA

Excellent reports have been received concerning the progress made by our orphans on industrial lines. The quality of the work done in the industrial department has commended it to others so that several gifts have been given by outsiders to assist in the work. A consignment of goods from Montgomery Ward & Company, including a gasoline engine, are to be paid for by these gifts. M. C. Clarke thinks that our industrial work has been more successful in dispelling prejudice from the minds of the natives against our work than anything else. He estimates that over 1000 persons have visited them, to see this work, the past year. These persons were from the most intelligent class of natives in Yeotmal and the surrounding towns. Some called to see the work from villages forty miles away. He has been waited upon by two committees of lawyers from Yeotmal who wanted him to open the school for the boys of Yeotmal. They were willing to pay a good tuition. Fail-

ing in this they have asked help of the government in starting a school, and solicited Brother Clarke's assistance in drafting a course of study which would be sanctioned by the government.

Fifteen dollars for each child is not enough to give them an industrial education, as it scarcely pays for their food and clothing. Grain has risen nearly one-third in price the past year. Besides what is received for their support he says $350 a year is needed in aid of the school. He thinks $125 of this can be realized from the work done in the school. This would leave a balance of $225 to be provided. He suggests that this may be provided for in part, at least, by his taking the agency for and selling hand mills for grinding grain. I shall be pleased to bring before you more fully his plan, for your consideration and action. He thinks the man who is in charge of the industrial department should be responsible only to the board.

Encouraging progress has been made on intellectual lines, and the government gives a grant to aid the school of $100 a year. Two Christian and one Hindoo teachers are em ployed in the school.

Different missionaries have done good work in connection with the orphanages. Sister Clarke has been an excellent helpmeet to her husband in the boys' orphanage work, and Sister Southworth and our other single lady missionaries have done excellent work among the orphan girls.

The station was visited by a very gracious outpouring of the Spirit upon the orphans last December, which was a cause of great encouragment to the missionaries. We trust that it will result in much lasting fruit. Brother Clarke says that the moral tone of the school was never so good as now.

Three missionaries have labored at Wun the past year. It has been a time of seed sowing which we expect will result in a precious harvest.

E. F. and Mrs. Phœbe Ward and a native worker have been laboring at our new station at Darwha. The foundation of the new mission house has been completed, about one-third of the walls, and the outhouses and the posts set for the fence around the premises, but because of the heavy rains, the work had to be deferred until the cold season. Brother and Sister Ward's labors are highly appreciated by our missionaries in India. He has been especially helpful in the building work at Darwha, because of his knowledge and past experience. Brother and Sister Ward having given satisfactory evidence of their agreement with our mission in polity and doctrine are now recognized as full members of the same.

Good reports come to us from our missionaries concerning Miss Alcorn's work.

There has been an increase of two members and of four communicants.

The climate of Central India, where our mission is located, is very trying to the health of missionaries. I have recently received a cable dispatch from J. T. Taylor in regard to their returning home, at once, on account of sickness. I replied, "Come if necessary."

Emma Appling's health failed the past year, and our treasurer sent money for her return. She is so much better that her request is to be permitted to remain in India, and I have cheerfully given my consent, providing she is able to perform an ordinary amount of work.

M. C. Clarke expresses it as his opinion that ere another year closes four of the present force on the field will need to return to America. He and the other missionaries are anxious to have Miss Jessie W. Lively sent out at once, and if Miss Rose Cox's health is fully restored they would welcome her back to India, and would be glad if she could return when Miss Lively comes. Our missionaries in India are very thankful for the reinforcements sent out last year. I am pleased with the unity of the Spirit among them. Our workers there have been confronted with greater tests than our laborers have been called to meet on other fields, nevertheless, the sure promise that His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish his good pleasure, should be an inspiration to those who are holding the ropes at home, and to the missionaries on the field.

JAPAN

Our work in Japan, where missionaries from the home land are located, is at Sumoto

on the Island of Awaji, at Akashi, and at Osaka. August Youngren and wife are at Sumoto; Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper at Akashi, and Rev. and Mrs. Minnie Matthewson are at Osaka. These missionaries are assisted in the work by ten evangelists (men), and by four ladies who are studying in the training school and doing missionary work in connection with their school work. Two of the before mentioned evangelists have wives. All but five of the evangelists are laboring in connection with our work at Osaka.

Our missionaries, and especially our superintendent, have worked long and patiently to purchase property for mission purposes at Osaka. Last December he secured a desirable building site for a mission house. In July following he secured a lot on the principal business street of the part of the city where he lives for a location for a house for school and mission purposes. This site is close to the great theater district. The converts have commenced to raise funds for a church, and it is thought that the lot purchased is large enough for a church also. Brother Matthewson says that this location is better than they planned for at first. There is an old building on the lot. Small Japanese houses are now on the lot at Osaka which he purchased for the missionaries' home. They will be utilized after the foreign house is built.

There was provision made at our last annual meeting for Sister Matthewson to return to America, but such influences were exerted by our workers in Japan, and by the missionary secretary and other members of the board, that Brother and Sister Matthewson decided to remain in Japan longer. Notwithstanding Sister Matthewson's deafness, her presence and labors are highly appreciated by our workers.

We rejoice because of the spirit of harmony and love which prevails among all of our workers there. Our superintendent says, "Our Bible Training School has become a fact." It consists of four young men and four young women. Two more young men expect to attend this fall. The accommodations are poor, but the students seem contented and desirous of making the best of the present and hope for better equipment in the near future. It is said that many missionaries complain of a lack of spiritual progress and aggressiveness on the part of their students. The students seem to be growing in grace, and exhibit marked aggressiveness.

Our superintendent reports that over 400 persons have sought the Lord during the past year, and a goodly number have exhibited clear marks of conversion. Some are regarded as demented because they seek by every means in their power to spread the gospel, and some others have suffered the loss of all things in reality—even the loss of home, wife and kindred. He says, "It is also interesting and blessed to watch the effects of the gospel here and note its resemblance to the primitive church."

Our native Christians, although poor, love the cause and show their love for it by their gifts, having given, the past year, $487.26. This is over one half of all that has been reported as given by the native Christians on all of our foreign work.

The increase in members the past year has been 64, in probationers 336, in communicants 400.

Our superintendent says that he is sorry that the idea prevails that no more missionaries are especially needed in Japan, because as the native force of workers increases and becomes intelligent in church matters, there will arise the demand for a conference. Unless missionaries are sent out now, the conference affairs will be hopelessly tangled from lack of men and women who can understand and use the language, thus giving ballast to plans and deliberations. Again, with so small a force on the field, if one family should be called home, a most unfortunate state of affairs would be the result.

CHINA

I am pleased to report that none of our missionaries in China have been taken from labor to reward during the past year, and the most of them have been preserved from sickness. It has seemed necessary for the most of them to spend some time at Ku Ling because of the intense heat at Cheng Chow. Brother and Sister Scofield and the Misses Graves, Millican and Peterson have spent some time at this summer resort the past season. Brother Appleton and Brother and Sister Honn have remained at Cheng Chow.

Considerable fear was entertained for the safety of our missionaries in China the forepart of the year, but notwithstanding the rumors of another Boxer uprising, it has not been realized, and, I trust that there will be no danger from this source in the future.

I judge the most of our missionaries are making encouraging progress in acquiring the language. By going to a cooler section of the country during the intense heat they are enabled to pursue their language study more successfully. Because of the representation from our missionaries in regard to the imperative necessity of leaving Cheng Chow during the hot season, and a suggestion on their part that if the board would loan them some means to provide homes for them at a desirable place in a higher altitude during the hot weather they would return the money loaned later, and take the property in their own names, the directors thought best to grant their request, and authorized our treasurer to send on $600 to be used for this purpose. The money loaned reached there too late for this season, but the prospect is that it will be used in time to provide for their needs another year, and I expect they will return the money loaned, or a part of it, next year. It seems that it is the general practice on the part of the missionaries of different organizations who live on the plains to spend a few months during the extreme heat at some healthy hill station.

Our superintendent has found it quite difficult to secure desirable property at Cheng Chow, but after much persevering effort succeeded in purchasing advantageously, and in a very good location. He speaks of it as follows:

"The street where we have purchased property is on the road to the 'Yamen,' or court house, which, as in most Chinese cities, does a thriving business, and accordingly a great many people pass our door. Our property has a frontage of about fifty feet, is a little wider at the back, and is about 250 feet long. It has six small one-story buildings on it, three or four of which will probably be left there and the rest torn down. The same property on the main street would cost at least three times as much, so I think it has been a pretty fair bargain. It will cost us about $750, gold, including fees for magistrate, middlemen, consul, etc. The fees are about 12 per cent. of the original price, which was 1,100 strings of cash (about $660). Some of the buildings can be used there permanently, but we expect to build a foreign house with the rest of the funds. Missionaries say it is usually very unhealthy to live inside the city in the summer, so we do not intend to do any more on the compound at present until we see whether it is possible to live there all the year."

It seems that the missionaries generally approved of the purchase of this property.

Two things are very important in regard to our work and workers in China. One is that such provisions be made as will enable them to care well for their physical health, and the other is that they give all diligence to acquire the language. If these conditions are realized, and they are filled with the Spirit, the prospect is that our work there will be successful.

It is thought by our missionaries that another station should be located, and property purchased for the same as soon as possible. They think that values will increase because of the railroad having been put through so recently. I would think it advisable to do this, but great care should be taken to have the location wisely chosen.

Miss Edith Graves has written me in regard to a plan for her and Miss Peterson to carry on a work among the girls. Our superintendent has labored very diligently, and I think successfully. We trust that wisdom will be given, so that our work on this field will go forward successfully and the best possible results realized. As our work is so new there, it was not to be expected that there would be statistics such as we have from our other missions. One or two conversions have been reported, through the labors of our workers on this field.

I suppose if a doctor can be secured to send out to assist in the work in China who is well qualified, such an addition to our force will be very helpful. I judge it is hardly expected that more missionaries will be sent to this field the coming year, unless an exceptional application is presented.

SAN DOMINGO

The Lord has been helping our devoted fellow worker, Miss Esther D. Clark, at Salcedo, San Domingo. Her principal work has been teaching, interspersed with personal and evangelistic work. Her patience, perseverance, and faith in her work, are commendable. She is pleading for more laborers to be sent to her help, and to give the light of life to the people. Two good evangelists—a man and wife—are greatly needed. Who have a call to this field, and resources and faith to lead them forth? In a recent letter she expressed her earnest desire to have a visit from the missionary secretary, and in connection with the same have a "holiness convention." I suppose it would also be expected that he would visit different parts of the island and hold evangelistic services. She has very highly appreciated the appropriation made to her last year.

As this island lies so near to our own country, if the board felt it could make a small additional appropriation for the work there, to be used as an incentive to encourage some persons to offer themselves for the work, I am sure this would cause her heart to leap for joy and greatly inspire her faith. No doubt the presence of some additional workers would give a special impetus to the work, and would be hailed with great joy by the native Christians.

SECRETARY'S PERSONAL REPORT

I am glad to acknowledge the Lord's great goodness unto me during the past year. He has been pleased to grant me increasing strength for his service. His presence has been my joy and sufficiency.

I have labored in six camp-meetings, held two conferences and dedicated two churches, besides looking after a large and increasing correspondence. As the number of missionaries, native evangelists and workers, as well as children, increases in our foreign work, greater care and labor are needed.

My work has called for me to travel in ten different states and 11,420 miles.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

REV. W. G. HANMER'S REPORT

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH:

For the great mercy, love and care of the Lord, and for the special help of the divine Spirit in the evangelistic work, during the past year, we feel most profoundly thankful.

At the time the Missionary Board was in session last fall we were engaged in a revival effort in Olney, Illinois. Our services were held in a large old Lutheran church. We labored hard and long there with but very meager results. It was not until near the close of the meeting that we found out the reason for the difficult and locked up situation.

PLEASANT GROVE is on the Westfield circuit, Wabash conference, J. B. Lutz, pastor. We had a remarkably good and successful meeting there in November. There were some brands plucked from the burning in that meeting. A goodly number were saved and quite a number sanctified wholly, and most of them united with the church.

Our next field was—

GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS. Our meeting there was held in the interests of the college and church. It was surprising to find how the spirit of awakening and revival continues in Greenville College year after year. God be praised for the salvation work in our schools. Much good was done in the school and church and there was a general interest in the community at large. A number were gloriously saved from the outside.

After New Years we spent nearly four months on old fields in Wisconsin.

AT LIVINGSTON with A. J. Damon, pastor. After a protracted effort in prayer and labor the Lord broke through in power in Zion, and we had a grand salvation time. The

church was quickened and strengthened and the work of salvation spread among outsiders until quite a number were saved and united with the church.

Platteville.—We had a successful meeting with Pastor E. N. Hawley. Platteville is about the oldest society in the conference. We held on there in faith, prayer and effort until victory came. It was a hard siege but God came and rewarded the faith and labor of Zion. It was something new for the old Platteville society to receive fifteen new members at one time. The occasion brought a downpour of blessing on the whole church. Such a visitation is needed in many of our old societies or they will soon die out entirely.

Evansville.—The meeting was not so profitable; we were there too late in the season for winter revival work. However, we had a good profitable meeting.

We attended camp-meetings at Livingston, Wisconsin; Augusta, Oklahoma; South Dayton, New York; Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; and Hillsboro, Illinois. The camp-meetings were excellent. God came in power in each of them, and the results were very gratifying.

We assisted in tabernacle meetings at Fremont, Indiana; Rocky Grove, Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In most all the meetings where we have labored during the year there has been an outpouring of the Spirit in Zion and an agitation and awakening in the communities at large. About 520 persons have been at the altar for prayer during the year and most of them found the grace of God.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE FIELDS

For Rent of Buildings, Tents and Incidentals	$ 196 00
For Traveling Expenses	139 00
To Assist Churches	185 00
Total	$ 520 00

W. G. Hanmer.

C. W. STAMP'S REPORT

To the President and Members of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church:

It is gratifying to be able to report, through the mercy of our heavenly Father, a prosperous year in the evangelistic field. The divine hand has been over us with sustaining power. We have spent nearly five months in new work and a number of new societies have been organized and some of the weaker classes have received new strength and encouragement.

We have conducted revivals and special services in eight different states and in Canada and in nine conferences.

New England.—According to your request, we labored three months in the New England states, principally in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. For our assistants we were fortunate in being able to engage Brother and Sister Mayfield of Scottsville, Kentucky. The Lord was pleased to pour out his Spirit and a measure of success was realized. As it is extremely difficult to find in New England, a hall that is not used a part of the time by secret orders, or an unoccupied church building, some time was consumed in getting a location for the work. This necessarily was attended with expense. Our first meeting was held at West Swanzey, New Hampshire, in a church owned by the Universalists. For this building we pa'd $16.00 per month. The Lord was pleased to grant his favor and a goodly number found peace with him and the influence of the work was beneficial for the church. A number of holiness people came from the towns near by and expressed their appreciation of the doctrines we presented and of the church we represented. We expect to form an organization at this place in the future. At the close of this revival a week was spent at East Swanzey, a town not far from the place of the first meeting.

Our next revival was held at Clinton, Massachusetts. Clinton is a beautiful, thriving city. It is an excellent center for our work in the lower part of New England and we feel thankful in being able to get a foothold there. At first a large hall was secured from the

trustees of a missionary society representing the different churches of the town. As the weather grew warmer we put up one of our tabernacles and continued the services with some success, there being a number saved. Before leaving, we organized a small society of excellent members. At this place God gave us two ministers who had been successful in the work of holiness and whose lives have been an evidence of the grace they enjoy. These men we placed in charge of the work until the next session of the Susquehanna conference. A very strong man came in from the M. E. church who had held the office of class-leader for many years and had occupied a place on the official board for a long time. This brother, E. S. Butler, was elected class-leader of the new society and is seeing souls saved in the class meetings.

These are some good openings near Clinton and we promised our dear friends to return and help to strengthen the work should your honorable body see proper to allow us to return.

New England is a beautiful country filled with intelligent people. The state of religion is low to the extreme, church members are generally formal and cold and real salvation is little known in many localities. The Free Methodist church should have a strong hold there. Special effort should be made to establish our work throughout all the country; this will require means. Our church cannot be organized in New England with as little financial expense as in the West or South. The people are not accustomed to entertain freely those who labor in the vineyard of the Lord as the people in other countries are. Preachers, in opening new work here, must either pay their board or rent rooms and keep house. We did the latter, Mrs. Stamp doing the work for the company during the entire time we were in the country.

If evangelists are to be kept on this field any length of time special appropriation should be made to cover the extra expense of the work.

Mrs. Stamp has traveled with me throughout the year and has added much to the success of the meetings.

Three hundred and fifty-seven have professed conversion or entire sanctification and 116 have been received into the Free Methodist church.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE FIELD

For pastors, church debts and incidentals connected with halls and other places of worship	$ 507 50
For traveling expenses	261 19
Total	$ 768 69

MISSIONARY BANDS

Number of workers on the field, 22.

Amount paid toward three new tabernacles	$ 360 49
For the New England work including expense of workers	217 52
To band workers not included in the expense of the New England workers	93 30
Paid to Lillian C. Jensen for the support of evangelists, Rev. T. Kawabe and wife in Japan	325 00
Total amount paid for missionary band purposes	$ 996 31
Total amount raised and paid out for my work and the band work	$1765 00

As the reports of the band workers are not all in we cannot give a definite account of the number saved in their meetings; however, from the partial reports received, we know they have done excellent work and a goodly number have been converted to God and some have united with the church, through their labors. C. W. Stamp.

MRS. BLANCHE E. STAMP'S REPORT

To the President and Members of the General Missionary Board:

The past year has been a year fraught with divine mercy and goodness. In all my journeyings the Lord hath afforded protection and comfort.

I have assisted Mr. Stamp in all his revivals except one. The Spirit has honored our

effort to promote the interests of the church both in the home and foreign fields. I have preached 150 sermons and have delivered a missionary address at nearly all the points where we have held meetings. Having seen that much of our success in raising funds for the foreign work depended largely upon the organizing of new societies, I began this work ten years ago. I have organized and received new members in the Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Central Illinois, East Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee, Louisiana, North Indiana, North Michigan, Ohio, Pittsburg, Susquehanna and West Ontario conferences. Besides this we have given special attention to the raising of funds for the foreign work.

We have taken two native evangelists to support in Japan, T. Kawabe and wife, who were recommended by Rev. B. Winget, missionary secretary. An increase of interest has been seen in a number of places and we have learned some important lessons in connection with the needs and prospects of our missionary work in general.

Our missionary bands have grown some and have occupied much of my time during the year. This work has been established more firmly and many souls have been saved and hundreds of dollars raised that would have been lost to the church without this branch of the work.

GENERAL MISSIONS

List of Appropriations Made from the General Mission Fund for 1906–1907

CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	To the district elder	$ 75 00
California	To Plymouth	20 00
California	To Tuolumne	20 00
California	To Chico	20 00
California	To Sacramento	35 00
California	To Hanford	20 00
California	To Fresno	35 00
Central Illinois	To district elder of Cowden district	20 00
Colorado	To district elder of Northern district	25 00
Colorado	To district elder of Southern district	25 00
East Michigan	To Burnside, Marlett and Mayfield	10 00
East Michigan	To Durand	20 00
East Michigan	To Kimball	10 00
East Michigan	To Port Huron	10 00
Iowa	To Cedar Rapids	25 00
Iowa	To Barnes City	25 00
Kansas	To Leavenworth Mission	15 00
Kansas	To Kansas City Mission	20 00
Kansas	To Greely and Indianapolis	10 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	For the work in the conference	75 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	To be used as the conference may direct	40 00
Michigan	To Coldwater	15 00
Michigan	To Hudson	10 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	To Mapleton	25 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	To Capener schoolhouse	15 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	To Peterson, Douglass Centre and Maple Grove	25 00
Missouri	To the district elder of St. Joseph district	20 00
Missouri	To the district elder of Hannibal and Green City districts	20 00
Nebraska	To Mabelo and Ainsworth	20 00
Nebraska	To Lynch	10 00
Nebraska	To Mills	10 00
North Dakota	To the Red River and Larimore district	20 00
North Dakota	To Fargo circuit	40 00
North Dakota	To Jamestown	10 00
North Dakota	To Larimore	10 00
North Dakota	To Deering, etc	15 00
North Indiana	To Indianapolis circuit	40 00
North Michigan	To Big Rapids circuit	25 00
North Michigan	To Pentwater and Hart circuit	25 00

CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
North Michigan	To Mancelona circuit	10 00
North Michigan	To South Frankfort and Homestead circuits	10 00
North Michigan	To Clair circuit	10 00
North Minnesota	To the district elder	35 00
Ohio	To Columbus	35 00
Ohio	To Newark Mission	10 00
Ohio	To Keefersville	35 00
Ohio	To Bowling Green	10 00
Ohio	To Mansfield	10 00
Oil City	To Mercer	25 00
Oil City	To Coudersport	10 00
Oil City	To Tyrone	10 00
Oklahoma	To Tonkawa and Whiterock	40 00
Oklahoma	To Chandler, Oak Grove, etc	10 00
Oklahoma	To Paladin and Beaver City	35 00
Oregon	To Parson's Creek circuit	10 00
Oregon	To district elder, W. E. Goode	45 00
Oregon	To Newberg	10 00
Oregon	To Beaver circuit	10 00
South Dakota	To Olivet	20 00
South Dakota	To Mitchell	20 00
South Dakota	To Boyden	10 00
South Dakota	To Southwest district	10 00
South Dakota	To North district	10 00
Southern California	To district elder of Arizona district	45 00
Southern California	To Pine Grove circuit	10 00
Southern California	To San Diego circuit	10 00
Susquehanna	To Clinton, Massachusetts	40 00
Susquehanna	To Worcester, Massachusetts	40 00
Susquehanna	To Watertown, New York	10 00
Texas	To be used as conference may direct	65 00
Wabash	To Neoga circuit	40 00
Washington	To Tacoma and Ellensburg districts	40 00
Washington	To Ballard	10 00
Washington	To Billingham	10 00
Washington	To Edmonds and Cedar Valley	10 00
Washington	To Blaine	10 00
West Iowa	To Council Bluffs	15 00
West Iowa	To Danbury and Ida Grove	15 00
Western Canada	To the district elder of Alberta district	100 00
Western Canada	To the district elder of Saskatchewan district	75 00
West Kansas	To be distributed by the district elders of the Macksville and Ness City districts	15 00
West Kansas	To be distributed by the district elders of the Mankato and Almena districts	25 00
West Ontario	To Port Arthur and Fort William circuit	20 00
West Ontario	To Hymers and State River circuit	20 00
West Ontario	To Sault Ste. Marie circuit	20 00
West Ontario	To Medford circuit	20 00
Wisconsin	To Rhinelander	10 00
Wisconsin	To LaFarge circuit	10 00
Wisconsin	To Baraboo circuit	15 00
Wisconsin	To Burnett and Douglas counties	20 00
Total appropriations		$2055 00

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Incidental Expenses	$ 220 00	
Secretary's Salary	180 00	
W. G. Hanmer	500 00	
C. W. Stamp	650 00	
		$1550 00
Grand total		$3605 00

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1905, TO OCTOBER 1, 1906

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Appropriated for 1906	Paid 1906
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 30 80	$ 33 80	$ 120 00	$ 120 00
California	52 05	52 05	180 00	180 00
Central Illinois	243 75	244 25	50 00	50 00
Colorado	52 20	52 20	100 00	100 00
Columbia River	39 45	39 45	170 00	170 00
East Michigan	260 25	260 25	180 00	180 00
East Ontario	91 20	91 25	80 00	80 00
Genesee	229 95	231 50		
Illinois	143 70	142 65	50 00	50 00
Iowa	111 15	111 15	40 00	40 00
Kansas	140 25	140 25	125 00	105 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	39 15	39 10	70 00	70 00
Louisiana	20 55	20 55	70 00	70 00
Michigan	137 25	132 80		
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	46 05	46 05	125 00	125 00
Missouri	35 40	35 40	80 00	80 00
Nebraska	59 40	59 40	90 00	90 00
New York	155 10	155 10		
North Dakota	24 15	24 15	150 00	150 00
North Indiana	71 10	71 10	50 00	50 00
North Michigan	264 70	264 90		
North Minnesota	41 40	41 40	50 00	50 00
Ohio	140 10	140 10	150 00	150 00
Oil City	252 15	252 15	65 00	65 00
Oklahoma	112 95	113 70	155 00	155 00
Oregon	68 40	68 40	155 00	155 00
Pittsburg	218 85	218 85	100 00	100 00
Platte River	67 50	67 50	40 00	40 00
South African				
Southern California	61 80	61 80	165 00	165 00
South Dakota	59 40	56 40	60 00	60 00
Susquehanna	190 50	190 50	45 00	45 00
Texas	110 10	110 10	100 00	100 00
Wabash	120 15	118 65	100 00	100 00
Washington	102 90	102 90	215 00	215 00
Western Canada				
West Iowa	84 00	84 00	40 00	40 00
West Kansas	86 70	86 70	100 00	100 00
West Ontario	97 80	97 80	275 00	275 00
Wisconsin	113 75	113 85	60 00	60 00
Total	$ 4180 05	$ 4172 15	$ 3605 00	$ 3585 00

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

November 15, 1906.

Deficit to October 1, 1906	$ 1127 67
Received from Conferences in 1905-06	393 93
Net deficit	$ 733 74

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19. 1895).

1. Corporate name—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. Object—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise

[here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form:

General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America

14-16 North May Street, Chicago, Ill.

I.....of.....

hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.....

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to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said.....

during.....life interest annually at.....per cent. on said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding.....

..... of said principal sum of.....

to supply the special needs of.....and give .....a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said.....for payments from the principal to meet.....special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the beforementioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for Missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this.....

day of.....19.....

signed and delivered in the presence of

.....(SEAL.)

.....(SEAL.)

.....(SEAL.)

For further information address the treasurer or secretary, Chicago, Illinois, 14 North May Street.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

AFRICA

Rev. J. P. Brodhead	F. M. S., Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa
Mrs. J. P. Brodhead	" " " " " "
Miss Nellie A. Reed	" " " " " "
Mr. W. S. Woods	" " " " " "
Mrs. W. S. Woods	" " " " " "
Mrs. G. H. Agnew	" " " " " "
George D. Schlosser	" " " " " "
Miss Maggie LaBarr	" " " " " "
Miss Matilda Deyo	" " " " " "
W. A. Backenstoe, M. D.	Inhambane, East "
Mrs. Mary S. Backenstoe	" " "
Rev. J. W. Haley	" " "
Mrs. J. W. Haley	" " "
Miss Lucy A. Hartman	Moguntia, Alfred county, Natal, South "
Miss Margaret A. Nickel	" " " " " "
Mr. Carroll Smith	Greenville M. S., care of J. S. Clark, Imbizana Post, via Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa.
Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith	Greenville M. S., care of J. S. Clark, Imbizana Post, via Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa.
Rev. Jules Ryff	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa
Mrs. Lilla E. Ryff	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa
Rev. A. E. Haley	Bont Rand (Ibisi, P. O.), East Griqua Land, Cape Colony, " "
Miss F. Grace Allen	14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois

SUPPLIES

AFRICA

A. A. Miller	Izingolweni, via. Shepstone, Natal. South Africa
Mrs. A. A. Miller	" " " " " "
Miss Gunhild Spilhaug	" " " " " "
Mr. Kragerud	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, " "

INDIA

Mr. M. C. Clarke	Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India
Mrs. M. C. Clarke	" " " " "
Miss Effie L. Southworth	" " " " "
Miss Mary E. Chynoweth	" " " " "
S. D. Casberg	" " " " "
Miss Jessie W. Lively	" " " " "
Rev. George G. Edwards	Wun, " " " "
Mrs. Grace Smith Edwards	" " " " "
Miss Emma Appling	" " " " "
Rev. Ernest F. Ward	Dharwa, " " " "
Mrs. Ernest F. Ward	" " " " "
Rev. J. T. Taylor	14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. J. T. Taylor	" " " " " "
Miss Rose Cox	Harvey, Ill., 15217 Turlington avenue

JAPAN

Rev. W. F. Matthewson	Tennoji, Osaka, Japan
Mrs. Minnie Matthewson	" " "
Mr. August Youngren	Sumoto, Awaji, "
Mrs. August Youngren	" " "
Mr. Sherman E. Cooper	119 Oakashi-mura, Akashi, "
Mrs. Rose L. Cooper	" " " "

CHINA

Mr. C. Floyd Appleton	Cheng Chow, Honan, China, via Pe-Han railway
Rev. N. S. Honn	" " " " " " "
Mrs. N. S. Honn	" " " " " " "
Mr. George H. Scofield	" " " " " " "
Mrs. George H. Scofield	" " " " " " "
Miss Edith Graves	" " " " " " "
Miss Laura E. Millican	" " " " " " "
Miss Lily M. Peterson	" " " " " " "

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

SAN DOMINGO, WEST INDIES

Miss Esther D. Clark ..... Salcedo, Dominican Republic, West Indies

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NATIVE WORKERS

AFRICA

Mpolosa Mqadi ..... Fair View M. S., Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa
Alfred Joyce ..... " " " " " " " "
Thomas Mqadi ..... " " " " " " " "
Mvakwendhlu Cele ..... Moguntia, Alfred county, " " "
John Ogle ..... " " " " " "
Maciyana ..... " " " " " "
Masala Nyaose ..... Greenville M. S., care of J. S. Clark, Imbizana Post, via Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa.
Manxeba Kumalo ..... Greenville M. S., care of J. S. Clark, Imbizana Post, via. Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa.
Enoch Zondi ..... Greenville M. S., care of J. S. Clark, Imbizana Post, via. Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa.
Isaiah Masekwane ..... Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa
Andrew Zondi ..... Izingolweni, via. Port Shepstone, Natal, " "
Paul Cele ..... " " " " " " "

INHAMBANE DISTRICT

NATIVE EVANGELISTS

Charlie Jose ..... Mabili, East Africa
Philip Mbate ..... Mananeleni, " "
Elias Damau ..... Marangweni, " "
Levi Cassimo ..... Cirene, " "
Paul Kumbana ..... Kumbani, " "
July Tsabo ..... Nyanjeli, " "
Tom Hayes ..... Mhehweni, " "
Antonio Cassimo ..... Mafuyaneni, " "
Mazinandi ..... Makwakweni, " "
Thomas Mkumbi ..... Kumbini, " "
Mateu Mahoshane ..... Kumbini, No. 2, " "
Thomas Magaza ..... Malakesi, " "
Josepha Ganyana ..... Matsumbeni, " "
Paul Matabele ..... Gengeni, " "

JAPAN

Rev. Teikich Kawabe ..... Tennoji, Osaka, Japan
Mrs. Teikich Kawabe ..... " " "
T. Omura ..... " " "
Y. Omura ..... " " "
Hiraga ..... " " "
Mrs. Omura ..... " " "
Miss Kurata ..... " " "
Miss Nishizaka ..... " " "
Miss Nomura ..... " " "
Horiuchi ..... " " "
Takashima ..... Sumoto, Awaji, "
R. Onoda and wife ..... Yura, " "
Mayeda ..... Fukura, " "
Konishi ..... 119 Oakashi-mura, Akashi, "
Aoka ..... Namba, "

INDIA

We have some native workers in India. As the secretary did not have their names and addresses they are not published.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Martha B. Hart ..... 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California
Mrs. Helen Hart Jones ..... 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan
Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew ..... 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York
Mrs. Ida R. C. Winget ..... 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp ..... 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number of out stations	American missionaries—Men	American missionaries—Women	Native male catechists, teachers and pastors	Native female teachers and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total number of native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated number who receive instruction occasionally during the year	Boys (not orphans) supported during the past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during the past year	Boy orphans supported the past year	Girl orphans supported the past year	Boy orphans now in the orphanages	Girl orphans now in the orphanages	Total number of children in all of the schools (not including the Sunday-schools)	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers
Africa	Inhambane	42	2	2	16	15	..	2	83	130	213	90	30	995	2600	109	66	..	....	....	....	352	15	26
Africa	Umusa, Transvaal	6	2	1	1	....	..	1	24	27	61	40	19	100	2000	.....	.....	....	....	..	....	....	2	4
Africa	Fairview	4	4	5	3	3	..	2	110	67	177	125	.....	800	1000	6	6	....	....	....	....	200	2	16
Africa	Itemba	10	....	2	3	3	..	2	55	33	93	200	.....	550	600	.....	2	....	....	....	....	67	1	5
Africa	Edwaleni	6	1	2	2	2	..	1	10	16	26	50	4	125	700	.....	1	....	....	....	....	.....	1	4
Africa	(a) Greenville	6	2	1	2	1	..	1	13	7	33	15	20	150	600	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	1	5
India	Yeotmal	1	4	6	7	1	..	1	13	2	20	6	.....	120	1000	.....	.....	61	41	61	42	....	1	6
India	Wun	....	1	2	1	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1
Japan	Osaka	2	2	2	6	6	1	1	128	267	395	....	267	150	10000	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	3	6
Japan	Sumoto	5	1	1	4	1		1	103	134	237	....	134	125	5000	.....	.....	.	..	....	....	.....	6	4
China		....	3	5	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....
Total		82	22	29	45	32	1	12	539	683	1255	526	474	3115	24500	115	75	61	41	61	42	619	33	77

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Scholars	Scholars converted during the past year	Village and day schools	Scholars	Native contributions for all purposes	Amount received by the missionaries in donations	Amount from individuals for the support of native workers	Amount from individuals and societies for the support of native children	Amount received by the missionaries from all sources	Amount received from hut rents	Amount received from the sale of produce, etc., from the station	Church buildings belonging to station	Number of buildings rented for religious purposes	Number that are used both for living and school purposes by the natives	Number of school buildings belonging to the station	Number rented for school purposes	Number of buildings belonging to the station and occupied by the American missionaries	Number of acres of land belonging to the station	Value of the land	Value of all of the buildings and movable property belonging to the station and out-stations	Total value of all property belonging to the station and out-stations
Africa	Inhambane	525	15	177	$ 18 25	.....	$ 757 84	1073 61	$1831 45	.....	$ 2 12	10	....	5	...	..	1	60	$ 100	$1100 00	$1200 00
Africa	Umusa, Transvaal	110	1	117	225 80	$ 19 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	....	1	2	..	1	1½	1750	3250 00	5000 00
Africa	Fairview	200	3	165	90 00	.....	327 00	85 00	.....	$ 109 50	290 00	3	....	4	2	..	4	2333⅓	35000	8000 00	43000 00
Africa	Itemba	60	1	67	26 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 96	3 72	3	....	....	....	..	1	705	3000	1600 00	4600 00
Africa	Edwaleni	30	6	15	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	1	....	..	....	..	1	1069	2700	1400 00	4100 00
Africa	(a) Greenville	45	1	20	20 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.	....	1	..	1	b 32	....	2000 00	2500 00
India	Yeotmal	100	75	....	33 75	.....	105 16	.....	.....	.....	17 00	1	....	..	1	..	3	c 36½	1100	7250 00	8350 00
India	Wun	3	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	..	.....	..	....	..	1	15	375	3000 00	3375 00
Japan	Osaka	266	..	....	319 49	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	2	....	....	..	1	½	5135	540 00	5575 00
Japan	Sumoto	200	..	....	167 77	11 40	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	7	....	....	..	1	⅛	800	950	1750 00
China	.....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	..	4	....	....	d 862 82	862 82
Total	.....	1539	81	21	561	$ 908 18	$ 71 90	$1190 00	1158 61	$1831 45	$ 172 46	$317 84	20	9	10	6	..	19	4253	$19960	29952 82	80312 82

NOTE—The Secretary understands the above statistics for Africa include only a period of six months prior to April 1, 1906.

(a) Number of theological classes, 1; number of scholars, 19; industrial schools, or work, 1. (b) Deeded for missionary purposes. (c) Includes 5 acres at Darwha. Buildings there not yet completed, and are not counted. (d) This includes buildings and land at Cheng Chow.

APPROPRIATIONS

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS WAS MADE BY THE MISSIONARY BOARD FOR 1906–1907

AFRICA

FAIRVIEW

Salaries of seven missionaries	$1550 00	
Payment on farm	310 00	
Appropriations for four children	100 00	
Teachers' salaries for Fairview	90 00	
One teacher for Magog	180 00	
Emergency fund	125 00	
For evangelist	150 00	
For Miss Sanford	50 00	
Traveling expenses for the superintendents	100 00	
Current expenses Girls' Home	175 00	
Extra for farm expenses	750 00	
Cattle for farm	300 00	
For making brick	100 00	
Expenses for J. P. Brodhead's home coming	250 00	
Return of Mrs. Brodhead and children	400 00	
Total		$ 4630 00
Less government grant	$360 00	
Less hut rents	360 00	
Less Nellie Reed's salary, provided for by Nellie Reed Fund	250 00	$ 970 00
Total		$ 3660 00

No account is here made of the sale of farm products, which amounted to $290. This is reserved for farm expenses and improvements.

UMUSA, TRANSVAAL

Salaries for two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Extra for one year	* 100 00	
For two native evangelists	100 00	
Kragerud (employed)	250 00	
New school building at Knights Deep	500 00	
Total		$ 1450 00

Already sent for new school building at Knights Deep, $500.

ITEMBA

Salaries of two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Native evangelists' wages	400 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
Payment on land	85 00	
Teacher for out station	40 00	
School teachers, extra	125 00	
Total		$ 1200 00
Less hut rent		25 00
Total		$ 1175 00

EDWALENI

Salaries of two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
Native teacher	60 00	
Wages for two native evangelists	250 00	
Payment on land	160 00	
New house	100 00	
Total		$ 1120 00
Less hut rent		40 00
Total		$ 1080 00

*Left with directors.

GREENVILLE

Masala's wages	$ 210 00	
Manxeba's wages	120 00	
Enoch's wages	120 00	
Emergency fund	50 00	
Improvement fund	50 00	
School teacher	180 00	
Home for manual training teacher	500 00	
Starting work at Balene's	100 00	
Five missionaries' salaries	1250 00	
Outfit and fares of two missionaries	700 00	
Extra for three children	25 00	
One native evangelist house	25 00	
Water tanks	100 00	
Two oxen	90 00	
Current expenses for school	75 00	
One tent (10x12)	15 00	
Total		$ 3610 00
Less one evangelist's wages provided for		120 00
Total		$ 3490 00

EAST GRIQUALAND

Salaries for two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Outfit and fare for one missionary	350 00	
Missionaries' home	750 00	
Total		$ 1600 00

INHAMBANE

Salaries of five missionaries	$1250 00	
Outfit and traveling expenses of one new missionary	400 00	
For one child	25 00	
Traveling expenses of two missionaries	150 00	
Traveling expenses for superintendent to Inhambane and back to Delagoa Bay	70 00	
To buy land	100 00	
Type for printing press	150 00	
Emergency fund	150 00	
New house in Natal	600 00	
Building for medical work	150 00	
To buy medicines	100 00	
Peter Magubeni	120 00	
Total		$ 3265 00
Less provision for one child	25 00	
Less provision for Peter's salary	120 00	
		145 00
Total		$ 3120 00
Total for Africa		$ 15575 00

JAPAN

Salaries for six missionaries	$1500 00	
Allowance for four children	100 00	
Rent of all chapels	436 00	
Salary of T. Kawabe	210 00	
Salary of R. Dakishama	195 00	
Salary of Horinchi	150 00	
Salary of Onoda	150 00	
Salary of Konishi	90 00	
Salary of Aoki	150 00	
Four Bible women	192 00	
Contingent fund	400 00	
Publishing fund	100 00	
Miss John's salary, outfit, etc	575 00	
Total		$ 4248 00
Less amount pledged for native evangelists' support	690 00	
Less salaries of Prof. and Mrs. Cooper, pledged	500 00	
		1190 00
Total		$ 3058 00
Total for Japan		$ 3058 00

INDIA

Salaries for thirteen missionaries	$3250 00		
Contingent fund for Wun	75 00		
Contingent fund for Yeotmal	200 00		
Incidental fund for Yeotmal	50 00		
Furnishings for new bungalow at Darwha	75 00		
For tonga and bullocks for Darwha station	125 00		
For four children	100 00		
Expenses of five missionaries to and from the hills	100 00		
For Emma Appling's traveling expenses to the hills	20 00		
For deepening wells on the mission compound	50 00		
Appropriations from famine fund money used for building Wun mission house, for re-roofing orphanage buildings at Yeotmal	1000 00		
Outfit and traveling expenses of one new missionary	350 00		
Salary of one new missionary	250 00		
Outgoing expenses of Melvin E. Callicotte	275 00		
Total		$ 5920 00	
Less amount already raised for Miss Lively	107 00		
Salary for one missionary already pledged	250 00		
		357 00	
Total		$ 5563 00	
Total for India			$ 5563 00

CHINA

Salaries for eight missionaries	$2000 00		
Allowance for six children	150 00		
Rent for Cheng Chow compound	100 00		
For agency at Hankow, transferring goods, etc	25 00		
For rent of compound at another station and preparation of same	200 00		
Outgoing expenses of F. B. Young	200 00		
*For purchase of property at new station	1600 00		
Total		$ 4275 00	
Less salaries of two missionaries already pledged	500 00		
Two children	50 00		
Amount on hand of building fund in China	625 00		
Less amount on hand	420 71		
		1595 71	
Total		$ 2679 29	
Total for China			$ 2679 29

*To come out of Peterson fund.

SAN DOMINGO

Esther D. Clark	$ 125 00

CEYLON

Mrs. Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe	$ 100 00		
Fare from Albion, New York, to Chicago, Illinois, and return	30 00		
Total		$ 130 00	
Total for Ceylon			$ 130 00

OTHER EXPENSES

Contingent expenses	$ 300 00		
Secretary's salary	520 00		
Office and traveling expenses	375 00		
To be appropriated by officers of the board	300 00		
Total		$ 1495 00	
			$ 1495 00
Total estimate of appropriations			$ 28625 29

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

STATEMENT OF FUNDS RAISED FOREIGN ACCOUNT

From October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.

INDIA ORPHANS		
Total amount raised		$ 1370 08
On hand	$ 367 45	
SCHOLARSHIP		
Total amount raised		1679 85
On hand	233 00	
CHINA ORPHANS		
Total amount raised		13 26
JAPAN WORKERS, &C.		
Total amount raised		1454 05
On hand	171 49	
EAST AFRICAN WORKERS, &C.		
Total amount raised		578 05
On hand	30 00	
INHAMBANE FAMINE FUND		
Total amount raised		191 99
AFRICAN CHILDREN, ETC.		
Total amount raised		1695 54
On hand	420 80	
PHILIPPINES		
Amount raised		94 50
On hand	94 50	
NELLIE REED FUND		
Amount raised		604 58
On hand	718 94	
CHINA		
Amount raised		1360 30
On hand	420 71	
WEST INDIA		
Amount raised		0
On hand	3 00	
Amount to the credit of sundry persons on hand—Lillie Peterson	126 00	126 00
—Mrs. Cooper	200 63	200 63
—Miss Millican	50 00	50 00
—Miss Lively	107 05	107 05
—Mrs. Ghormley	50 00	50 00
Total	$ 2993 57	$ 9578 88
General Foreign Mission Fund includes Africa, India and Japan.		
Total raised, Oct. 1, 1905, to Oct. 1, 1906		$ 31221 50
On hand	$ 6328 06	
Grand total	$ 9321 63	$ 40800 38

S. J. K. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

AFRICA, JAPAN AND INDIA

Amount to Africa, J. P. Brodhead	$ 8215 47	
" " Johannesburg	539 55	
" " Inhambane	1262 50	
" India, M. C. Clarke	4850 84	
" Japan, W. P. Mathewson	7187 70	
" San Domingo, Esther Clarke	100 00	
" Miss Cox, return	240 00	
" Miss Appling, return	250 00	
" Mrs. Haviland	40 00	
" N. B. Smith	79 16	
" Mrs. Agnew	75 00	
" Land payments	288 96	
" Outfit and traveling expenses out-going missionaries	727 35	
" Fares out-going missionaries	1612 15	
" Goods purchased, expenses, freight, cartage and labor on boxes	722 28	
" Miss Cox and expenses	145 38	
" Transfer of accounts	405 54	
" Salaries, clerk hire, proportion of expense account, annual meetings, directors meetings, printing, legal fees, etc.	2535 36	$29277 24
On hand		6328 06
		$35705 30

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED

FUND	Oct. 1, 1905	Total Receipts 1906	Disbursements	Oct. 1,'06 on Hand
Africa—Foreign missions	$ 3439 19			
Receipts	32166 11	$ 35605 30	$ 29277 24	$ 6328 06
China	3377 58			
Receipts	1360 13	4737 71	4317 00	420 71
Philippines		94 50		94 50
Scholarship		1679 85	1446 85	233 00
China Orphans		13 26	13 26	
Japan Workers and Famine		1371 94	1200 45	171 49
East Africa Workers		578 05	548 05	30 00
Inhambane Famine		191 99	191 99	
India Orphans		2693 85	2326 40	367 45
Africa Children		1695 54	1274 74	420 80
Lillie Peterson		126 00		126 00
Mrs. Cooper		200 63		200 63
Miss Millican		50 00		50 00
Delia Wells		50 00		50 00
Miss Lively		107 05		107 05
Mrs. Ghormley		50 00		50 00
Nellie Reed Fund	390 45			
Receipts	589 99	980 44	261 50	718 94
Total for 1906	$ 42518 89	$ 50276 11	$ 40857 48	$ 9368 63

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

This society is auxiliary to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church

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MRS. M. H. FREELAND, Whittier, California.

MEETING OF THE W. F. M. S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S. met in the Free Methodist church at Evanston, Illinois, October 9, 1906. The president, Mary L. Coleman, called the meeting to order at 10: 30 a. m., and presided.

The various committees reported and action was taken as follows:

The committee on preparing a manual reported that the manual had been published and a number of copies sold.

Mary L. Coleman, Emma F. Shay, Mary Clink, Ella S. Clark, Clara Childs, Emma L. Hogue were made a committee to receive suggested amendments and changes in the Constitution and By-laws of the W. F. M. S.

The committee on tracts reported that a list of tracts had been selected and published in the *Free Methodist*.

It was decided that the W. F. M. S. publish the tract entitled "Our Girls' School at Fair View," by F. Grace Allen.

The committee on publications was instructed to publish a missionary calendar for 1907.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to send to the secretaries of the several conference societies credentials for delegates to the general society.

A committee was appointed to prepare a history of *Missionary Tidings;* to consider the advisability of enlarging the paper and to fix the salary of the editor.

A committee was appointed to prepare a chapter on the W. F. M. S. to be presented to the committee on the revision of the Discipline at the next General Conference.

A request that the Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S. be an advisory board to have the first examination of women candidates was presented to the General Missionary Board.

HELEN H. JONES,
Recording Secretary.

STATE OF THE WORK OF THE W. F. M. S.

We were obliged to substitute last year's figures in our statistical report again this year, for several conferences. However, for the conferences reporting we have a gain of 35 local societies, 278 active, 77 honorary, and 366 junior members during the past year. There is also an encouraging gain in money and general interest in missionary work.

Pittsburg conference raised over $4,000; Southern California nearly $4,000, or $13.71 per capita; Oil City about $3,000 and other conferences have done as well in proportion to their membership.

None of the conference societies forgot to elect a delegate to the general meeting, although nearly all are deficient in their quota of the Delegates' Expense Fund.

The circulation of the *Missionary Tidings* remains about the same, 2,500.

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California.—President, Mrs. May E. Griffith; corresponding secretary, L. Anna Stuart, Oakdale, California; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter; treasurer, Mrs. Ina M. Baird.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

From October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Junior Societies	Junior Members	Missionary Tidings Taken
California	1894	3	9	102	37	1	14	82
Central Illinois	1896	3	9	172	8	2	52	76
Colorado	1896	2	8	108	33	2	82	45
Columbia River	1896	2	3	61	22		24	37
East Michigan	1896	4	31	283	51	5	77	51
East Ontario	1894	4	22	287	244	2	69	121
Genesee	1895	4	32	502	125	1	67	302
Illinois	1895	3	18	313	106	2	38	135
Iowa	1894	1	8	129				
Kansas	1894	7	18	183	95			56
Michigan	1892	4	5	120	57	3	23	54
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	1897	1	7	95	20	1	6	10
Missouri	1896							
Nebraska	1857							
New York	1893	4	13	200	51	4	53	112
North Dakota	1898	1	4	44	25	1	10	41
North Indiana	1895	2	9	119	27	6	74	13
North Michigan	1900	1	4	100	7	3		15
North Minnesota	1898	1	7	58	8		48	5
Ohio	1892	3	15	197	30	4	89	32
Oil City	1899	5	47	502	218	6	181	248
Oklahoma	1899	5	13	160	43	1	10	30
Oregon	1896	3	11	122	24	6	78	47
Pittsburg	1892	4	34	663	305	13	291	245
Platte River	1896	2	3	63	30	1	15	
Southern California	1899	1	9	215	74	5	139	82
South Dakota	1892	4	8	76	18	4	27	20
Susquehanna	1895	6	24	317	61	6	51	103
Texas	1894	1	3	38	12	1	11	
Wabash	1896	3	5	77	5	1	8	18
Washington	1896	2	15	239	78	5	60	115
West Iowa	1896	2	5	200				
West Kansas	1896	4	20	184	90	1	25	80
West Ontario	1896	3	26	327	225	5	184	44
Wisconsin	1891	5	21	225	44	4	103	94
Total		100	466	6481	2173	96	1909	2313

Life members, 73.

(Mrs.) Ella L. McGeary, Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1905 to October 1, 1906.

CALIFORNIA—$690.34

Ina M. Baird	$ 340 94
Mrs. M. A. Kelley	10 00
Walter W. and Helen E. Kelley	10 00
Maurice E. and Vivian R. Kelley	2 00
Dr. J. G. Wilson	10 00
San Jose local	45 00
Corralitos local	55 00
Corralitos Juniors	10 00
Miss E. C. Winter	15 00
Mrs. Margaret Winter	15 00
Mrs. A. Frenler	150 00
Charles Fish	24 90
M. A. Kelley	2 50

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—$432.25

Mollie Lawson	$ 373 00
Mrs. Maggie Landis	11 00
Lizzie Walker	5 00
Cowden district	43 25

COLORADO—$826.16

Mary Johnson	$ 716 16
Rev. J. W. Glazier	15 00
Rev. F. F. Stewart	20 00
Rev. J. F. Garrett	30 00
Denver local	20 00
Emma H. Haviland	5 00
Mrs. G. A. Warren	20 00

COLUMBIA RIVER—$226.38

Carrie E. DeFoe	131 51
Mrs. Mary Curtis	69 87
B. H. Alberts	20 00
Mrs. J. M. Joles	5 00

EASTERN ONTARIO—$1,315.75

Charlotte Burnham	$1175 75
Martha Macklin	15 00
Mrs. Jennie Gillespie	5 00

EASTERN ONTARIO—Continued

Alberta Sims	35 00
Ellen Fulton	5 00
Cecil Hudgin	10 00
William McKinley	10 00
Louise Hicks	5 00
Juniors, Toronto	5 00
David F. Campbell	20 00
Charles Scott	10 00
Mrs. S. Patterson	10 00
Mrs. G. Fuller	10 00

EAST MICHIGAN—$895.63

Mattie J. Hoyt	$ 786 88
Mrs. Etta Freeman	31 25
Mrs. J. F. Webster	20 00
Mrs. Phebe C. Proper	47 50
E. D. Hartley	10 00

GENESEE—$2,065.73

Agnes D. Derby	$1760 60
John Norling	20 00
Y. P. B. C., Jamestown	10 00
Birthday box, Jamestown	10 00
King's Helpers, Jamestown	3 26
Seva Shearer	1 00
John W. Parker	1 00
Alma K. Pearce	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Northrup	10 00
Lida J. Willihan	10 00
Rochester local	10 00
F. Fidelia Clement	5 00
Virginia Street, Buffalo	150 00
Mrs. Mary J. Jeffres	50 00
Juniors, A. M. C. S.	1 62
Grace A. Barmore	10 00
Juniors, Albion	3 25

ILLINOIS—$1,608.97

Lydia B. Robinson	$ 256 12
Bertha Rubeck	465 29
Coral A. Bradfield	776 41
Mrs. A. J. Wessels	70
Mrs. Philip Kiltz	28 10
B. Winget	20 00
Libbie Masters	1 05
Rev. P. W. Newcomer	50 00
V. E. Gates	11 30

IOWA—$330.23

Rev. J. S. Booton	10 00
Mrs. L. P. Dowd	81 02
Mollie Burg	10 00
Mrs. L. Mendenhall	27 00
Hattie E. Casebeer	177 21
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stamp	25 00

KANSAS—$1,316.73

Mrs. Fannie M. Heck	$1257 57
Mrs. Bertha Neil	13 16
R. H. Cline	30 00
Mrs. M. A. Hubbard	10 00
Lottie Sharp	1 00
Mrs. Ida Shires	5 00

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE — $33.40

Mrs. S. A. Caldwell	$ 33 40

MICHIGAN—$568.91

Kate C. Martin	$ 532 41
F. L. Baker	36 50

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA—$249.35

S. Ada Hall	$ 249 35

MISSOURI—$2.00

Eunice Medlock	$ 2 00

NEBRASKA—$373.57

Emma Wells	$ 230 00
Mrs. Mary E. Carpenter	88 47
Mrs. M. H. Allgor	49 10

NEW YORK—$608.10

Mrs. John Cavnaugh	$ 540 25
Brooklyn local	25 71
Edwin Kress	1 00
Ruth Kress	1 00
Laura and Louise Grosberger	2 00
Mrs. Alice Rosa	10 14
Mrs. D. A. Loomis	5 00
W. Gould	8 00
Boys S. S. class, Wilkes-Barre	15 00

NORTH DAKOTA—$296.20

Mrs. Sarah Northrup	$ 97 50
Mrs. C. M. Rumsey	55 70
Edith Bockman	2 00
W. Barham	103 00
Gardner, N. D.	5 00
Olive Syverson	5 00
Mrs. L. M. Ballenger	28 00

NORTH INDIANA—$229.99

Orpha McDuffie	$ 211 99
Mrs. Ida Keise, Juniors	3 00
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kilipsch	15 00

NORTH MICHIGAN—$265.18

Mrs. Mary E. DeFoe	$ 231 91
William Roach	3 27
Mrs. Louise Henderson	30 00

NORTH MINNESOTA—$63.48

Mrs. Mary Woodward	$ 54 08
Alice Charmley	2 40
J. S. McCoy	5 00
Mrs. Alice Thomas	2 00

OHIO—$1,275.81

Clara M. Hayden	$1167 76
Mrs. J. E. Bridge	6 00
J. Cain	40 00
Holland Sunday-school	9 00
Warren Sunday-school	3 00
Roberts' Chapel	1 35
Juniors	1 50
Mrs. Burke	5 00
Youngstown Juniors	10 00
Edward Higbee	2 12
Mrs. Ida L. Gage	15 08
Mrs. Kate Lehman	15 00

OIL CITY—$2,626.29

Mrs. Stella Robertson	$2118 70
Coal Town Juniors	10 00
Galeton local	4 20
Luella Newton	40 00
Mrs. Helen Ellis Reynolds	15 00
Meadville local	20 00
Mrs. Mary Kiddo	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. David Liebendorfer	15 00
Mrs. E. L. M'Geary	378 39
Rev. Watson Smith and wife	10 00

OKLAHOMA—$487

Marilla S. Freer	$ 481 55
Martha Newberry	3 35
Minnie A. Allen	2 10

OREGON—$424.82

Mrs. H. V. Haslam	$ 353 88
Mrs. Louise Nute	65 94
East Portland local	15 00

PITTSBURG—$3,884.13

Mrs. H. L. Speer	$3452 48
Mrs. Elsie Dewalt	10 00
Martha Mason and Mr. McGregor	10 00
McKeesport local	20 00
Norman Randlett	15 00
Carrie Flickinger	15 00
Mrs. M. J. Taggert	15 00
Sa[illegible]tracts, Mrs. C. W. Stamp	1 65
[illegible]. W. McCormick	10 00
Raised by Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Stamp	300 00
Gertrude Little	15 00
Mrs. Estella Paulson	20 00

PLATTE RIVER—$366.95

Mary E. Carpenter	$ 366 95

SOUTH DAKOTA—$365.23

Mrs. Alta M. Waller	$ 294 78
W. F. Harding	5 00
Mrs. Fannie McMullen	2 50
Junior Band	17 95
Mitchell district	30 00
J. C. Keen	15 00

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—$3,148.27

Mrs. L. A. Sperow	$2174 58
W. W. Coke	65 00
D. G. Shepard	16 25
Hermon	267 30
Los Angeles	63 41
Whittier local	50 00
Mrs. Mary E. Franklin	5 00
Helen and Edith McLeod	10 00
Mrs. Jones	30 00
Juniors	3 54
Mrs. Emma F. Shay	1 57
Clara R. Freeland	461 62

SUSQUEHANNA—$980.84

Mrs. C. A. Labrum	$ 634 18
Byron J. Higgins	1 00
Mrs. Maggie Ross	2 50

SUSQUEHANNA—Continued

Cortland local	13 81
Binghamton district	157 42
Cortland Praying Band	15 00
Grace S. Daniels	15 00
Rev. A. Smith	52 00
Jennie E. Chynoweth	25 00
East Williamson Juniors	13 43
Mrs. A. L. Crockett	15 00
George L. Skinner	3 00
Mrs. C. Watson's S. S. class	3 50
Walter Morse	20 00
Mrs. Irene Lake	10 00

TEXAS—$75.76

Mrs. S. J. McCulloch	$ 74 76
Annie Young	1 00

WABASH—$483.32

Daisy Fritchey	$ 393 04
Mrs John A. Watson	23 35
Mrs. Rhoda D. Watson	24 17
Minnie Miller	42 76

WEST IOWA—$309.96

Mrs. Anna Taylor	$ 217 32
Mrs. Nellie M. Bentley	10 00
Frances Ellis	19 09
Sadie Holcomb	10 00
Rev. W. M. Adams	3 55
Mrs. R. H. Smyth	40 00
Lillie C. Adams	10 00

WASHINGTON—$1,952.75

Mrs. Maggie E. Burrows	$1509 15
Emma Noble	10 00
Ross local	10 00
Olympia Marsh	20 00
William Mason	49 00
Mrs. S. P. Hale	5 00
Mrs. E. L. Robbins	10 00
Mrs. M. E. McGee	5 00
Arlington Sunday school	30 00
Mr. and Mrs. Amiel Thorn	50 00
Adelaide L. Beers	15 00
Charles W. Slack	126 00
Edmunds	13 15
Seattle Sunday-school	10 00
Green Lake Juniors	15 00
Birthday offering, Ross	15 00
Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Beers	50 00
Sunny Side Sunday-school	10 45

WEST ONTARIO—$1,376.99

Mrs. Hannah Eagle	$1057 14
M. Sipprell and D. Sinden	10 00
Mrs. H. A. Nesbitt	15 00
Mrs. Jennie Elson	5 00
H. A. Hurlburt	10 00
A. W. Tanner	10 00
Galt, Juniors	12 53
Mrs. Anna L. Steer	30 00
Jennie McCallum	1 00
Kimbo local	10 00
Nellie Whittaker	216 32

WEST KANSAS—$785.48

Gertrude Thomas Everley	$ 675 80
Ethel and Dora Walz	4 00
Almena children	12 70
Logan circuit	8 51
Viola M. Ogg	10 00
Mankato district	8 70
Osborn local	10 15
Rev. J. Walton	3 17
Almena district	17 45
Mound Centre and Sharon local	15 00
Ness City district	5 00
J. S. Cornish	5 00
P. Rader	5 00
A. Helsel	5 00

WISCONSIN—$1,170.91

Helen J. Dryer	$ 718 53
Oshkosh Sunday-school	60 00
J. W. Kendall	2 00
Mrs. Mary C. Roberts	23 27
E. J. Roberts	361 57
F. F. Wolfe	5 54

WESTERN CANADA—$134

Mrs Robert Elsom	$ 134 00

DELEGATES' EXPENSES

California	$ 3 30
Central Illinois	4 60
Colorado	23 40
Columbia River	2 08
Eastern Ontario	10 10
East Michigan	44 57
Genesee	33 85
Illinois	19 10
Kansas	12 35
Michigan	17 35
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	8 55
North Michigan	5 00
Ohio	17 37
Oil City	39 91
Oklahoma	18 56
Oregon	14 00
Pittsburg	112 25
Platte River	8 38
South Dakota	3 45
Southern California	7 30
Susquehanna	23 14
Wabash	30
West Iowa	2 45
West Ontario	16 70
West Kansas	24 39
Wisconsin	2 40
Total	$ 474 85

TOTALS

Raised for Foreign Missions	$ 26496 44
Raised for Africa Orphan Fund	800 54
Raised for Native Workers in Africa	797 07
Raised for Japan	737 70
Raised for China	737 39
Raised for India Orphan Fund	609 10
Raised for Africa Scholarship	588 80
Raised for Nellie Reed Fund	557 16
Raised for Delegates' Expenses	474 85
Raised for Native Workers in Japan	162 99
Raised for Mrs. Cooper	135 63
Raised for Lily Peterson	126 00
Raised for Miss Lively	107 05
Raised for Philippine Missions	62 50
Raised for Famine in Japan	61 00
Raised for Miss Millican	50 00
Raised for Mrs. Ghormley	50 00
Raised for Bible Woman in India	43 25
Raised for Famine in Africa	39 50
Raised for Native Worker in India	30 00
Raised for South Africa Mission	20 00
Raised for Earphone for Mrs. Matthewson	13 24
Raised for Hall Rent in Japan	10 00
Raised for Peter	5 00
Raised for J. P. Brodhead's Child	4 50
Raised for Bibles for India	2 00
Total	$ 32721 71

[Mrs.] Lillian Camp Jensen, Treasurer.

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ERRATA AND ADDENDA

COLUMBIA RIVER.—Mrs. H. Luella Betts Beamish, conference evangelist, member of Spokane district quarterly conference.

EAST MICHIGAN.—Conference Claimants Fund should be $641.95 instead of $6401.15.

GENESEE.—Total number of members in full connection should be 1,587 instead of 1,596.

ILLINOIS.—The address of Rev. J. M. Woodard should be 403 South Winnebago street, Rockford, Illinois.

IOWA.—The name of W. W. Vinson should appear in list of preachers. In list of evangelists the name Mrs. Carrie H. Fuller should read Mrs. Carrie H. Miller. The name of Rev. E. E. Hall should appear as an evangelist on the Cedar Rapids district. Rev. F. M. Smith, Marion, Iowa, has been appointed conference treasurer in place of Rev. J. W. E. Ambrose, resigned.

KANSAS.—*Chairmen of Committees for Next Year:* On Reforms—A. L. Crumley. On Education—C. C. Cox. On Publications—R. B. Ralls. On Sunday-schools—J. W. Norris. The name, Fannie Martin Heck should appear in list of evangelists. Address of D. A. and Fannie Martin Heck, 1219 Franklin street, Junction City, Kansas.

MICHIGAN.—In committee on Education read M. U. Gage instead of Mary M. U. Gage. Kalamazoo district: "Lawrence and Hartford, William Rennie." Detroit district: "Petersburg, Town Line and Blissfield, A. E. Day." Coldwater district: "Sherwood and Colon, W. S. Mulholland;" "Coldwater and Bethel, F. P. Russell;" "Hudson, George Laubach."

NORTH MICHIGAN.—East Jordan circuit should be credited with 28 members instead of 26.

OREGON.—The name Lizzie Walker, Salem, Oregon, should appear in list of quarterly conference evangelists; also E. E. Cawood, 2427 Summit avenue, Everett, Washington. Under list of conference evangelists the name Mary Hillas should read Mary Hillis. Eugene district: Read "Eugene and Monroe, to be supplied;" "Springfield, Thurston and Goshen, D. J. Goode."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The name, Rev. J. K. Freeland, Station A, Pasadena, California, should appear as conference treasurer.

WEST IOWA.—Page 76—Question 13, add, "W. M. Adams, to the Nebraska conference." Page 77—Shenandoah district.—"T. J. Gates, left without appointment."

WEST ONTARIO.—On page 112, in Board of Examiners in Course of Study, the name of J. Rogers should read S. Rogers. Under "Delegates" the name B. Hansworth should read B. Unsworth. In list of "Appointments" the address of Christopher Fader should be Beech Lane instead of Beech Lake.

After the stationing committee's report had been read, A. H. Norrington resigned his position as district elder of the Sarnia and Lake Superior districts and J. M. Eagle was appointed by the president, W. A. Sellew, to fill the vacancy. This left Walsingham circuit unsupplied and Mrs. Ada Forman and R. Slingerland were appointed by the district elder to take charge of said circuit.

WISCONSIN.—Beaver Dam district: "Portage and Caledonia, W. L. Miekle, R. F. D., Portage, Wisconsin." Miss Mattie E. Stoll, Hamilton, Canada, evangelist.

[With two exceptions the above mistakes were made by the annual conference secretaries.—OFFICE EDITOR.]